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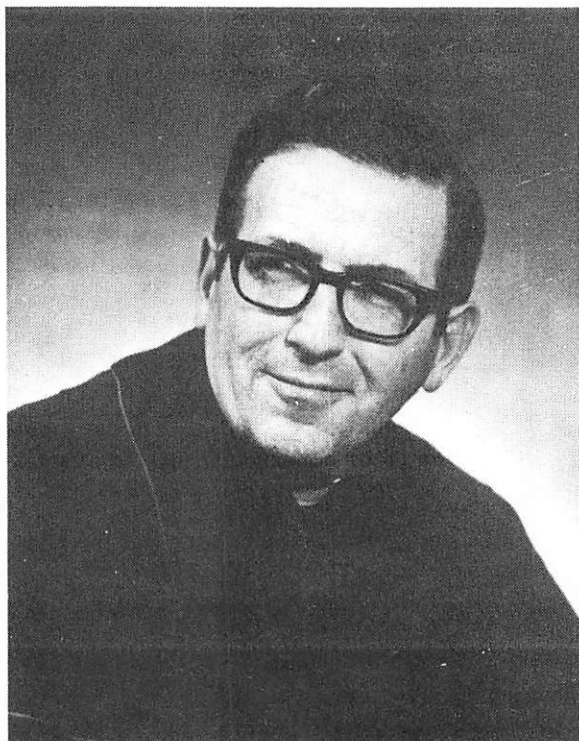
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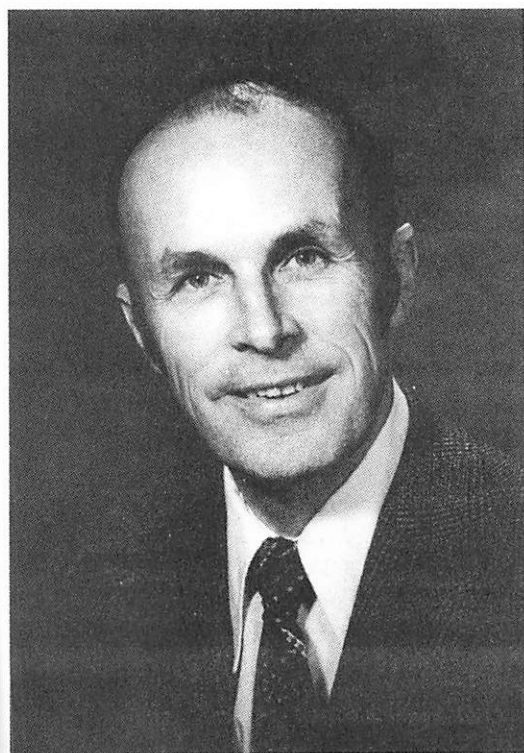
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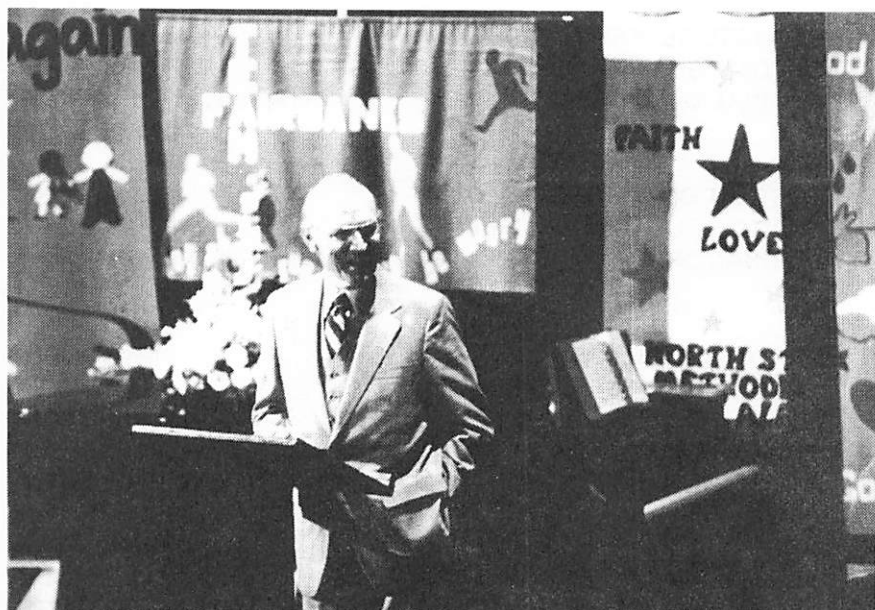
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Bennett, Larry/Margaret	SR 20958	Fairbanks 99701	479-2672
Benoit, Carol	Box 31	Seward 99664	224-5429
Borscht, Doris	Box 1326	Sitka 99835	
Bowers, Beverly	283 Muldoon Box 54	Anchorage 99504	337-6256
Broberg, Cort	8429 Jupiter	Anchorage 99507	344-6968
Brooks, Bill/Shirley	Box 2067	Sitka 99835	747-6557
Brooks, Chris/Natalie	SR Box 520	Chugiak 99567	688-2743
Brooks, Lonnie	8381 Pioneer	Anchorage 99504	333-4529
Buffington, Chris	2112 Esquire Dr.	Anchorage 99503	O - 272-2112
Butts, Bill/Marianne	Box 5081	North Pole 99705	488-9021
Calkins, Sunny	3909 Malaspina	Anchorage 99503	243-4180
Carey, Verda	Box 357	Douglas 99824	364-2494
Carlson, Joyce	SR 3, Box 30173	Fairbanks 99701	479-6434
Cole, Hoyt	3128 Princeton Way	Anchorage 99504	O - 274-3576
Collins, David	1528 Church St.	Lyons, WI 53148	
Combs, Esther	4885 Newcastle	Anchorage 99503	279-3975
Cook, LeRoy	529 Fifth Ave., Suite 2	Fairbanks 99701	456-5750
Cranston, Charles	Rt. 2, Box 756	Soldotna 99669	262-5013
Curtis, Claudette	109 W. First St.	Juneau 99802	586-1292
Dahl, Thomas	9441 Kylie Circle	Anchorage 99502	O - 276-1994
Dau, Ed	2360 Lord Baranof	Anchorage 99503	277-2998
Davidson, Dale	3301 Iliamna	Anchorage 99503	243-4884
Davis, LeRoy	PO Box 3-163 E.C.B.	Anchorage 99501	279-5060
DeBlasio, Ruby Lea	22319 Marine View Dr.	S. Des Moines, WA 206	878-7420
DeVore, Howard/Betty	SRA Box 1584	Anchorage 99507	349-4908
DeVries, Shirley	SR 3, Box 30189	Fairbanks 99701	479-3779
Eaton, John/Barbara	4836 Pavalof	Anchorage 99507	344-5450
Eby, Dorothy	Box 8244, NRB	Kenai 99611	776-8367

Edwards Joyce/Arthur	2008 Dimond Dr.	Anchorage 99507	344-5202
Evans, Pat	SR Box 177	Eagle River 99577	694-2637
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Floerchinger, William	3911 72nd W Ave.	Anchorage 99502	243-5877
Forney, John C.	SRA Box 33	Anchorage 99507	344-3025
Froula, Donna	5010 Abbott Dr.	Anchorage 99507	344-3020
Froula, Diane	5010 Abbott Dr.	Anchorage 99507	344-3020
Fudge, David	Box 611	Sitka 99835	747-8722
Gibson, Kathy	SR 30720	Fairbanks 99701	456-6183
Gotschall, Don/Marion	Box 427	Juneau 99802	586-3123
Groves, Gene	1305 W. 45th	Anchorage 99503	279-2269
Hawkins, Mary	Box 87	Clam Gulch 99568	567-8453
Hays, Lydia	SRA Box 4110	Anchorage 99502	344-1096
Hollett, Mary Lou	SRA Box 81-H	Anchorage 99507	344-4654
Holway, Susie	Box 1719	Soldotna 99669	262-4958
Huiatt, Michael	4011 Edinburgh Dr.	Anchorage 99502	
Irrigoo, Walter	Box 9	Nome 99762	443-2854
Jenkins, Dwight	2042 Cliffside Dr.	Anchorage 99503	274-7773
Kaushagen, Debbie	SRA Box 1547	Anchorage 99507	344-6224
Keil, Don	4031 Crossan Dr.	Anchorage 99503	243-5408
Kelsey, Claudia	Box 272	Juneau 99801	789-7354
Knight, LuDean	Box 428	Kenai 99611	283-7868
Kolb, Fr. Jim	1265 Deborah Ave.	Fairbanks 99701	479-3994
Kussart, Janet	425 Kennedy	Juneau 99801	586-6457
Landstrom, Mary Jane	813 W. 3rd	Anchorage 99501	277-2773
Lawhorn, Mary Lou	Box 688	Anchorage 99510	333-6827
Lowery, Doug/Sally	1021 Kodiak St.	Fairbanks 99701	456-4861
Lunas, Teri	Box 137	Sitka 99835	747-3980
Maier, Frank	RR5, Box 5558	Juneau 99803	789-9229
McGlothlin, Leo	1725 Skilak Circle	Anchorage 99504	333-7104
Miller, Cathi	RR3, Box 3612	Juneau 99801	
Moore, Sandra	1981 Wickersham	Anchorage 99507	O - 272-7461
Mutch, Bernadine	Box 425	Homer 99603	235-8864
Nauman, Jon	Box 49	Chugiak 99567	688-2734
Nelson, Marvis	4016 James Way	Anchorage 99504	333-7363
Nothstein, Sophie	229 Heintzleman	Anchorage 99503	272-1162
Oakley, Jane	Box 216	Chugiak 99567	688-2356
Oberg, Jackie	Box 1084	Kenai 99611	283-4666
Pelch, Mildred	Box 456	Seward 99664	224-5624
Reardon, Mary	4053 Hood Ct.	Anchorage 99503	
Roberts, Bruce	1912 Talkeetna	Anchorage 99504	277-0841
Robison, Olive	7526 E. 17th Ave.	Anchorage 99504	333-5605
Rosen, David	3805 Locarno	Anchorage 99504	
Scarborough, Judy	SR Box 10219	Fairbanks 99701	479-3412
Senungetuk, Joe	304 Bunnell St.	Anchorage 99504	337-6758

Shaffer, Barbara	Box 907	Nome 99762	443-2865
Shepard, Bea	Box 272	Juneau 99802	789-7354
Shepherd, Walter	5252C Broadway	Eielson AFB 99702	377-3149
Simpson, Glenn	3401 Princeton Way	Anchorage 99504	277-2049
Smay, Bob	S Station, Box 10-235	Anchorage 99511	344-2327
Snyder, Charlotte	4802 Lake Otis Parkway	Anchorage 99507	
Stanton, Blythe	4869 Knights Way	Anchorage 99504	333-4862
Stanton, Roland	3818 Fairview	Ketchikan 99901	225-3406
Stassel, Jean	911 R St.	Anchorage 99501	277-2108
Thompson, Roger	19134 SW Boones Ferry Rd.	Tualatin, OR 97062	
Timbers, Rose Ann	Box 98	Nome 99762	443-5259
Townshend, Jack	College Observatory	Fairbanks 99701	279-2898
Trudeau, Danita	3212 W. 28th	Anchorage 99503	243-1711
Tuell, Marji	15088 SW Trillium Lane	Beaverton, OR 97005	
Von Dohrmann, Jean	1405 W. 16th Ave.	Anchorage 99501	277-1700
Walton, Jim	2014 Crataegus Circle	Anchorage 99504	279-9918
Weld, Anne	6427 Knott Blvd.	El Cerrito, CA 94539	
Wenzel, Mark	SR Box 797	Chugiak 99567	688-3067
Wertz, Dr. Frederick/Betty	900 Washington St. E.,	Charleston, W. Va. 25301	
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Wilson, Betty	659 Main St.	Ketchikan 99901	225-5231
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Wooster, Marjorie	7342 Madelynne Way	Anchorage 99504	

(Pastors and Institutional Personnel are listed in Section A.)

IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

(Note: Actions of the Conference, reported as recommendations through the General Committees, are contained in this Journal in Section VII. Reports received through the General Committees or to the Conference are contained in this Journal in Section V. Recommendations and reports are printed as amended or corrected.)

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 14

COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE— The communion and memorial service was held at 9:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Anchorage. Dr. Glenn Olds, Rev. Ed Stanton, and Rev. Jim Buffington were the liturgists. Bishop Tuell presented the sermon, "Good News". The Conference Choir was directed by Marji Tuell. The Conference Secretary read the roll of those memorialized. The offering was received for the United Methodist Committee of Relief for disaster and emergency. Bishop Tuell was the celebrant for the

Sacrament of Holy Communion.

ORIENTATION SESSION--Bishop Tuell, Ed Stanton, and Larry Bennett led the orientation session.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 14

DEVOTIONS--Bev Bowers led the devotional period.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE-- Bishop Tuell officially called the session to order for the transaction of business. The hymn "And Yet Are We Alive" was sung. The bar of the Conference was set to include the sanctuary of the church. The rules of the Conference were adopted. The body moved to send greetings to: Mrs. Everett Palmer, Mrs. Meredith Groves, Reverend and Mrs. Ac Wischmeier. Congratulations were to be sent to Bishop Michael Kenny upon his installation as Bishop of the Southeast Alaska Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church. Mary Lee Rosen, lay hostess, presented Marji Tuell and Blythe Stanton to the Conference. Advance Special Gifts were given for Zaire in lieu of corsages. Ray Fedje and Bill and Mae Zahl were introduced. Greetings to the Conference were received from Bishop and Mrs. Maynard Sparks, Bishop Carroll and the Maine Conference, the Coalition of the Whole Gospel, Bishop Wheatley and the Rocky Mountain Conference, Bishop Stuart and the California-Nevada Conference. Bishop Tuell presented a check from the United Methodist Publishing House in the amount of \$141.22 for the pension fund.

ELECTION OF GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES-- Bishop Tuell presented information relative to the election of delegates to the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference to be held in 1980. One lay and one ministerial delegate are to be elected to the General Conference, who shall also be delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference, along with an additional lay and ministerial delegate. Two lay and two ministerial reserve delegates will also be elected. The Secretary announced that the lay tellers are Bob Smay and Mary Lou Lawhorn. The clergy tellers are Revelle Roach and Bob McNabb. Bishop Tuell called for the first ballot.

REPORT OF THE FIRST LAY BALLOT--Number of ballots cast were 24, number necessary to elect, 13. There was no election.

REPORT OF THE FIRST MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast were 18, necessary to elect, 10. There was no election.

REPORT OF THE SECOND LAY BALLOT--Number of ballots cast were 25, number necessary to elect, 13. Larry Bennett was elected as lay delegate to General Conference.

REPORT OF THE SECOND MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 18, necessary to elect, 10. There was no election.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT--Ed Stanton presented his report (See Reports). The report was received with applause.

REPORT OF THE FIRST JURISDICTIONAL LAY BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 25, necessary to elect, 13. There was no election.

REPORT OF THE THIRD MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 19, necessary to elect, 10. John Shaffer was elected as General Conference delegate.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES--Mary Lou Hollett, coordinator for the CCOM, presented Olive Robison, Lee Davis, and Larry Bennett, and Greg Eicher, who reported on the activities of the CCOM.

REPORT ON THE SECOND JURISDICTIONAL LAY BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 26, necessary to elect, 14. There was no election.

REPORT OF THE FIRST JURISDICTIONAL MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 19, necessary to elect, 10. There was no election.

REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION--Barbara Shaffer, President, gave a preview of the 1980 budget and activities of the Council this year.

REPORT OF THE THIRD JURISDICTIONAL LAY BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 25, necessary to elect, 13. Barbara Shaffer was elected lay delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

REPORT OF THE SECOND JURISDICTIONAL MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 17, necessary to elect, 9. There was no election.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE AND COUNSEL--Larry Bennett presented the report of the committee with the recommendation that the following rules be accepted as amended:

B. Procedures, Part 6

Section 2, delete the last three words (beginning in 1977)

Section 3, delete in its entirety

Section 4, renumber as Section 3

G. Council on Ministries, Section 2, delete and replace with:

The voting membership shall consist of the following: The Alaska Missionary Conference Lay Leader, the Alaska Missionary Conference President of the United Methodist Women, one youth, the Chairpersons of the four General Committees, the Bishop, the Alaska Missionary Conference Superintendent, a representative of the Alaska Native Ministries Committee, and three members-at-large. The members at large shall be chosen in such a way that the total voting membership includes at least two women and as near as possible an equal representation of the laity and clergy. The President of the Council on Finance and Administration and the Coordinator of the Conference Council on Ministries shall be members without vote.

Section 3, delete Program Director and replace with coordinator of Conference Council on Ministries.

Section 4, delete in its entirety and replace with The Council on Ministries shall meet three times per year as funds permit.

REPORT OF THE FIRST RESERVE LAY BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 25, necessary to elect, 13. Sally Lowery was elected first reserve lay delegate.

REPORT OF THE THIRD JURISDICTIONAL MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 18, necessary to elect, 10. There was no election.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CHANCELLOR--Tom Dahl reported that he has filed his findings of the taxation of church property at the Conference office. Churches may have access to this information by writing to Ed Stanton.

REPORT OF THE SECOND RESERVE LAY BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 24, necessary to elect, 13. There was no election.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH JURISDICTIONAL MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 16, necessary to elect, 9. There was no election.

REPORT OF ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICE--Tom Dahl, board member representing Alaska Missionary Conference, noted the milestone event of this past year of the dedication of the new Activity Center debt-free. A long term endowment fund has been started. (See Reports)

MOTION REGARDING BALLOTING--It was moved to take the ballot for the third reserve lay delegate ballot and the fifth Jurisdictional ministerial ballot and to seal the ballot until the Friday, June 15, morning session.

S.C. Bishop Tuell appointed Lee Davis to hold the sealed ballots.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND RECESS--Necessary announcements were made and the Conference recessed.

GENERAL COMMITTEES-- General Committees met until dinnertime.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 14

WORSHIP SERVICE--Roger Robison and Lula Garrett served as liturgists. Cellists Cynthia Choa, Paul Lindemuth, Lisa Deimer, and director-accompanist, Beth Leffingwell presented musical selections. Bishop Tuell presented his message. "The State of the Church". (See Reports) The reception was held at the home of Lou and Janice Campbell.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 15

DEVOTIONS--CCYM delegates, Kathleen Wise, Kathy Gibson, and Walter Irrigoo were the liturgists. Bishop Frederick Wertz presented the morning meditation, "Education is Not Enough".

REPORT ON THE THIRD RESERVE LAY DELEGATE BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 26, necessary to elect, 14. Roland Stanton was elected as the second reserve lay delegate.

REPORT ON THE FIFTH JURISDICTIONAL MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 17, necessary to elect, 9. There was no election.

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE--Ed Stanton introduced Betty Luginbill, Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks, Chuck Young, Director of United Campus Ministries, Fairbanks, John and Louise Atwood, interim supply parsonage family at St. John Church, Anchorage, and Dr. Paul Schilip, retired professor who is teaching a summer course at Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage.

REPORT OF THE SIXTH JURISDICTIONAL MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 18, necessary to elect, 10. There was no election.

REPORT OF NOME COMMUNITY CENTER--John Shaffer, Board member of the Nome Community Center, reported on the dedication of the Young Center. The building has been named The Young Center in honor of Lavinia Wallace Young, whose vision and gifts founded the Nome mission in 1911, Loman Young, lay volunteer who was construction agent for the new building, and the young people at Nome who will be using the new building. (See Reports)

REPORT OF THE SEVENTH JURISDICTIONAL MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 18, necessary to elect, 10. Keith Wise was elected Jurisdictional ministerial delegate.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Claudia Kelsey requested information from churches to be placed in society records. She shared the work of the society during the past year. Bishop Tuell expressed appreciation to Bea Sheperd and Claudia Kelsey for their extensive work. (See Reports) It was moved that the origin of the United Methodist work in Alaska and the date of organization be referred to the Historical Society for research and to be reported at the 1980 session. S.C.

REPORT OF THE FIRST RESERVE MINISTERIAL BALLOT--Number of ballots cast, 18, necessary to elect, 10. Don Hartman (13) and Ed Stanton (11) were elected as reserve ministerial delegates. This completed the balloting for the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates and reserve delegates.

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION TASK FORCE--Robert Smay reported on the need for church extension throughout the state. Bayshore United Methodist Church and the New Hope Methodist Presbyterian Church have been organized within the past two years. (See Reports)

REPORT OF THE EQUITABLE SALARY COMMITTEE--Sally Lowery reported on the work and research of the committee. The "Goal Chart for Self-Sufficiency for 1984" and "A Pastor's Compensation Guide" were distributed.

The recommendations for ministerial support were presented. It was moved to table these recommendations until Lay Activities and Temporal Economy General Committee has discussed this report. S.C.

It was moved that the Lay Activities and Temporal Economy General Committee consider, in principle, the concept of uniform salaries for all pastors.

It was moved that a petition relating to pensions be referred to the Lay Activities and Temporal Economy General Committee. It was referred.

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE--John Shaffer introduced Reverend C.B. Timpson, Pastor of Christian Methodist Episcopal Church of Anchorage who brought greetings to the Alaska Missionary Conference.

RECESS--The Conference took a 10 minute recess.

GENERAL COMMITTEES--The general committees met until lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 15

DEVOTIONS--Reverend John Tindell led the devotional period.

GENERAL COMMITTEES

REPORT ON WESLEYAN NURSING HOME--Revelle Roach noted that the home has added a new kitchen and office facilities during the past year. The occupation rate is between 55-60 residents.

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE-- Ed Stanton introduced Father Joseph Kreta, Russian Orthodox Priest and Dean of the seminary at Kodiak. Dr. Glenn Olds introduced Don Ward, the new Vice-President for Public Affairs and Development, Alaska Pacific University.

REPORT ON ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY--Dr. Olds reported on the status of the University. (See Reports)

REPORT ON CAMPUS MINISTRIES--The following persons gave reports: Chuck Young, Director, United Campus Ministries in Fairbanks, and David Fison, Director, University Community Ministry, Anchorage. (See Reports)

REPORT ON NATIVE MINISTRY COMMITTEE--Esther Combs gave an Audio-Visual report on the Point of Contact Workshop which was held in Anchorage April 1-3, 1979. This workshop was funded by a grant from the National Board of Church and Society.

REPORT ON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN--Marion Gotschall, Conference U.M.W. President, referred to the work of the U.M.W. at the local, national, and state levels. (See Reports)

REPORT ON OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE--Paul Jewell introduced Jon Nauman, manager of Birchwood Camp. Bob McNabb reported on Arget-singer Camp. Dennis Holway reported on Birchwood Camp. (See Reports)

REPORT OF DISCIPLESHIP GENERAL COMMITTEE--Lee Davis, Chair-person, reported on the activities of the general committee. Items requiring budget approval were deferred until the CCOM budget was presented and approved.

The Communication recommendations were presented with changes. All recommendations were adopted pending approval of the CCOM budget.

The Historical Society recommendations were presented with changes. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The Outdoor Ministries recommendations were presented with changes. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries were presented with changes and adopted. (See Recommendations)

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 15

WORSHIP SERVICE--John and Barbara Shaffer were the liturgists. Special music was presented by the choir of the First Korean Presbyterian Church of Anchorage and the Tongan Choir of Anchor Park United Methodist Church, Anchorage.

Bishop Wertz' sermon was entitled "Have You Anything to Declare". He shared some experiences of his recent visit to China. Following the worship, an informal fellowship time was held at the home of Bill and Danita Trudeau.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 16

DEVOTIONS--Danita Trudeau was the liturgist. Greg Eicher and the 5th and 6th graders from the United Methodist Church in Chugiak presented a sacred dance and song. Bishop Wertz presented the morning devotional message entitled "Come, Wait, and Go".

PETITIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE--John Shaffer presented the following motions:

1. Authorize the Council on Ministries of the Alaska Missionary Conference to submit a petition to General Conference on the behalf of the Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference which would provide full rights and privileges in the Annual Conference and Missionary Conferences to ministers in good standing in other Christian denominations who serve as pastors in cooperative larger parishes or united churches. (See DISCIPLINE no. 426.4)

2. Authorize the Council on Ministries to petition Jurisdictional Conference to consider providing resident episcopal leadership for the Alaska Missionary Conference, as provided in DISCIPLINE no. 505, similar in nature to the 1968 petition adopted by the Alaska Mission.

Following discussion, the above petitions were adopted.

APPRECIATION--Bishop Tuell expressed appreciation to Rubylea DeBlasio for her commitment to bring books for sale to our sessions.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON RULES--Bishop Wertz presided in the chair for this report. Larry Bennett presented the following recommendations:

PART 4 Section 6--Add section (1) The Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency shall consist of seven persons--four lay and three clergy. One member may be appointed by the Bishop, and one may be appointed by the Missionary Conference Superintendent, with the balance to be elected for the quadrennium at the first session of the Alaska Missionary Conference following General Conference. --Revise (h) Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency Lay--4, Clergy--3

They were adopted. (See Rules)

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE--Father Jim Kolb expressed words of greeting from Bishop Michael Kenny, newly install Bishop of the Southeast Alaska Diocese.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM--Bill Trudeau presented an Audio-Visual report concerning statistical changes of membership and attendances of worship and church school. He also presented the challenge of starting new churches in the state of Alaska.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN--Jean Stassel, Betty Luginbill, Pam McCarl (NEA Alaska), and Sena Lederman (Alaska Family Violence Program Director) presented an informal and challenging report concerning the present status of women, the awareness programs and counseling provided for women in Alaska.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 17

DRAMA--The Hunger Task Force sponsored a drama dealing with the concerns of hunger awareness programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES--Kathleen Wise presented a report of youth plans and activities.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PENSIONS--John Shaffer gave the report of the Board of Pensions. The report was adopted. (See Reports)

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES--Ed Dau presented the recommendation from Turnagain United Methodist Church to the Board of Global Ministries to permit mission volunteers to serve terms of

less than two year periods. S.C.

REPORT OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES GENERAL COMMITTEE--Greg Eicher presented the recommendations from this committee.

The Evangelism recommendations were presented with changes. Recommendation no. 5 was tabled for one year's study. The rest of the recommendations were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations of the Mission Committee were presented and amended with changes. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations of the Church Extension Task Force were presented and amended. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations of the Native Ministry Committee were presented with changes. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendation of the United Methodist Women was presented without changes. It was adopted. (See Recommendations)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT--Ed Stanton presented the report of the Nominating Committee, and moved the election of the persons nominated to fill vacancies. It was adopted.

Nomination to the Committee on Nominations, Reference and Counsel were made from the floor.

Lay members nominated and elected: Carol Benoit, Leroy Cook, Chris Brooks, Priscilla Ringenburg, and Marian Gotschall.

Clergy members nominated and elected: Betty Luginbill, Don Hartman, Dave Fison, and Ed Stanton (ex officio).

REPORT OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY GENERAL COMMITTEE--Olive Robison presented the reports and recommendations from the committee.

The recommendations and resolutions of the Hunger Task Force were recommended with changes. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendation on Native Issues (from the Point of Contact Workshop) was presented. It was adopted as presented. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations of the Commission on the Role and Status of Women

were presented and recommended with changes. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The Legislative Action recommendations were presented with changes. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

Criminal Justice recommendation was presented without changes. It was adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendation of Religion and Race was presented with changes and adopted. (See Recommendations)

The statement on Disarmament and Strategic Arms Limitation was received. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations concerning children and the International Year of the Child were recommended with changes. They were adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendation to re-organize the Committee on Church and Society was presented. It was referred to the CCOM Structure Committee. (See Recommendations)

REPORT OF THE LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE--The report was presented by Jacki Oberg.

The recommendations of the Conference Lay Leader were presented with changes and adopted. No. 5 and 6 were referred to the CCOM Structure Committee. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations on Leadership Development were presented with changes and adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations on Stewardship were presented and adopted. No. 1 was referred to the CCOM Structure Committee. (See Recommendations)

The recommendations of the Equitable Salary Committee were presented with changes. No's. 1, 2 and 3 were adopted; no's. 5 and 6 were amended and adopted. No. 7 was replaced with a substitute motion and adopted. (See Recommendations)

John Shaffer moved that this session of the AMC goes on record in support, in principle, of the concept of uniform ministerial support and that the results of the vote are to be recorded in the minutes. The motion was seconded

carried. (Affirmative votes-27; negative votes-13).

PETITION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE--Bill Trudeau moved that the Alaska Missionary Conference petition the General Conference that no pension program be permitted that does away with our historic connectional commitment that pension annuity rates be the same for all retirees of a given Annual Conference. S.C.

CHURCH EXTENSION TASK FORCE REPORT--The report was received and adopted. (See Reports)

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION--Barbara Shaffer, President, presented the reports and recommendations and the 1980 budget.

The reports were recommended without changes. They were adopted. (See Financial Reports)

The recommendations were presented without changes. They were adopted. (See Financial Reports)

The 1980 Budget was presented with changes which reflect actions of this Conference session. It was adopted. (See Financial Reports)

1980 CONFERENCE--Bishop Tuell set the tentative dates of the 1980 Conference for June 5-8, 1980.

An invitation was extended from Fairbanks United Methodist Church to host the 1980 Conference. A motion was made and carried to accept the invitation.

APPRECIATION--Carol Benoit presented the report.

We would like to thank, on behalf of the Alaska Missionary Conference, those who have been our delightful hosts and leaders for our Eighth Annual Conference. In particular, thank you to our hosts, Jim and Chris Buffington, Mary Lee Rosen, Reeves and Jerri Havens from First United Methodist Church, and our co-host here at Alaska Pacific University, Dr. Glenn Olds. We would also like to express our appreciation and trust to Ed and Blythe Stanton; thanks to Jack and Marji Tuell for their outstanding and warm friendship and leadership; to Bishop Fred and Betty Wertz for their winsome and inspiring messages. Our appreciation to all mem-

bers of the Conference who worked with real devotion and dedication to make this a productive and rewarding conference. Thank you from all of us to all of you.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT--It was moved that, following the reading of the appointments on Sunday, June 17, the Conference would adjourn sine die. The motion was approved.

GENERAL COMMITTEES--The General Committees met until the dinner hour.

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 16

BANQUET--The Banquet was held at the Alaska Pacific University Student Center. Janet Flannigan presented a piano solo. Mary Lee Rosen presented gifts to Lee Davis, Barbara Eicher, Bishop and Mrs. Wertz.

REPORT OF ZAIRE--Bishop and Marji Tuell presented an audio visual report on their visit to the country of Zaire. They shared their experiences of worship, fellowship and conversations. Marji led the group in singing a song from Zaire. An Open House was held at the residence of Ed and Blythe Stanton.

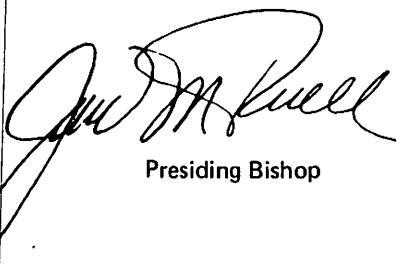
SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 17

LOVE FEAST--Bill Trudeau led the service following the traditional order for the Love Feast. Hymns, prayers, testimony and breaking of the bread were a part of the service.

WORSHIP SERVICE--Reverend Ed Stanton and Reverend Jim Buffington were the liturgists. Bishop Wertz preached the morning sermon "Surrounded by Witnesses." Bishop Tuell presented a Certificate of Organization to the Bayshore United Methodist Church. The Conference Choir presented special anthems.

APPOINTMENTS--Bishop Tuell read the appointments.

ADJOURNMENT--The Eighth Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference was adjourned.



Presiding Bishop



Conference Secretary

V. REPORTS TO THE CONFERENCE

A. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Edmund B. Stanton

I begin with a personal word. Not too long ago I had a birthday and received a book from my daughters, complete with the necessary equipment. It was titled, JUGGLING FOR THE COMPLETE KLUTZ. The equipment was three juggling cubes which were not unlike bean bags but with square sides to prevent their rolling or bouncing too far from the would-be juggler.

Lesson One has you hold the cubes, open palms, elbows to your sides, and hands out. The activity in that first lesson is to drop the cubes often enough to get used to the idea that this is a common experience in learning to juggle. I'm getting pretty good at that, and at holding my hands out just right.

As a fledgling superintendent, who is something of a klutz, I have finished Lesson One. I have learned to hold out my hand, and I have learned a wonderful variety of ways to drop the ball. Anyone who has watched my work at all closely can vouch for that. Perhaps in another year or so I will have gotten on to Lesson Two and maybe even Three or Four, and finally will have learned something of how to juggle pastoral appointments, conference accounts, schedules and programs in a more proficient way. But learning comes slowly to some of us. I can see some reasons why Ac took nine years on this job before me and why the former superintendent of the Red Bird Missionary Conference was in that position for years. I may have to give up before I finish the course.

With this same birthday, Blythe gave me a "Peanuts" card in which Charlie Brown and Snoopy are mountain climbing. Charlie Brown says, "Don't think of it as another birthday! Think of it as another year spent mastering the intricacies of a rewarding and demanding life!" To which Snoopy adds, "Well, that sounds better than 'There goes another year down the tube!' "

I can't begin to report on this year without recognizing and expressing my love and gratitude for my predecessor, Ac Wischmeier, who did all he could to prepare me well and to leave his affairs here in beautiful order, for Bishop Tuell and Lula Garrett and the people at "475" who have borne with me and supported me and picked up a few of the dropped balls, and for the pastors and the hundreds of vibrant Christians who are doing the work of Christ in the churches and communities of Alaska as we struggle, it seems, through the patches of devil's club, and over icy mountain passes, tiptoeing past restless brown bears and swatting our way through the endless galaxies of Alaskan-sized mosquitoes to get the church's job done! It is a rewarding and demanding life, and the job of superintendent has intricacies that I'd never dealt with before.

Because it hasn't been just "another year down the tube," I'd like to report on something of what I see that it has been for Alaskan United Methodism.

FIRST: It is easiest for me to report on some statistical indications of the state of the church in the Alaska Missionary Conference. (In doing this I am fully aware that the letters "St." before the names of people like Peter and Ignatius and Francis Assissi and others does not stand for "statistician.") But I am convinced that accurate statistics are important to indicate something of the general health, the "vital signs," of the church...and that they represent a lot of personal stories of growth in faith, victories and defeats of people and groups in relation to Christ and the world.

First some Good News: In 1978 the combined total membership of churches in the Alaska Missionary Conference is up by 132. We received one new member for every nine on the rolls at the beginning of the year. (Last year we had one new member for every 13....Will we ever raise that to one new member for every member on the rolls?) Only Puerto Rico comes near us with a one-to-ten record. Pacific and Southwest had one-to-thirteen, Florida and Texas Conference had one-to-fifteen records, and the ratio widens from there on to the national average which shows one new United Methodist for every 21 on the rolls during 1977.

We applaud North Kenai, Girdwood and St. John for receiving just "by profession of faith and restored" more than one new member for every ten already enrolled. Our conference received one new member by "Profession" for every twenty on the rolls, the best of any conference in American United Methodism.

Now some Bad News: Our record of removing 7.4% of our members in 1978 is topped only by two conferences. We would have removed more if some of the charge conferences could have hurried their processes. Keeping up with the movement of people in Alaska is indeed a major problem here. While some churches have about 20% of their members who are at all active, East Anchorage had over 20% of their active members (43 people) who moved away this year.

On an average Sunday in 1978 there were 1747 people worshipping in our churches, a reported decline of ten from the previous year. Ministers are accused of being very generously sloppy in reporting attendance statistics. Alaskan pastors are probably no better or worse than others. Whether we actually had fewer in worship last year is questionable: In one church, because accurate records were kept during the latter part of the year, they reported more than a 25% drop, while members of the congregation were excited about having a "significant increase" in attendance. Accurate records are important to check our churches' "vital signs."

Our reported slight drop in attendance still leaves us with a number equal to 54% of our membership in worship on the average Sunday morning (Saturday for Girdwood.) The national average is 37%, with only Red Bird and

and Puerto Rico ahead of us. Can you imagine six of our churches reporting over 75% average attendance and Girdwood, Homer and North Pole reporting over 100%!

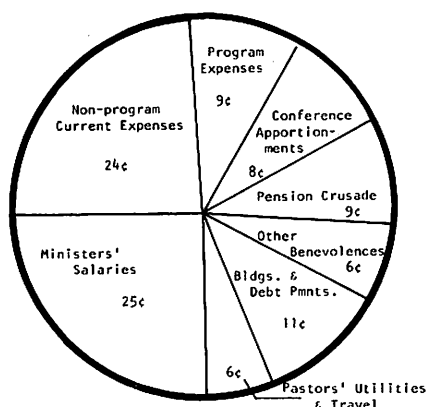
In 1978 we increased the total number of workers and leaders in Sunday School by 33, a ratio of more than one leader per four pupils. (We are working on it!) Still our Sunday School membership dropped as the attendance decline continues, but seems to be bottoming out. We'd like to change the direction of our chart here, but of course any significant change will have to be based on a change in priorities and motivation of pastors, church boards and the whole membership of the churches.

Yet while the overall attendance declines, we are grateful for the steady church school attendance in East Anchorage and for the increases in Ninilchik, Jewel Lake and Soldotna - I have faith that a great many good seeds are being planted and I know that a great many people are experiencing some exciting growth.

The amount of money spent by our churches (which is approximately the amount contributed, I assume) increased to over \$930,000 in 1978, a remarkable increase of over 25%! This means that we are giving at the rate of \$289.65 per member, per year, an increase of \$66.57 per member! Obviously this increase is largely due to the Pension Crusade efforts, but less than half of of the \$190,303 increase in our giving went for pensions. We gave \$65,000 more for pensions than in 1977 and \$69,000 more for salaries than we did in the previous year. Our conference has far and away the best record of giving in United Methodism, with the national average of giving at \$130 per member per year, up about 10% from the year before.

In 1978 our giving dollar (picture the "average" dollar given by an "average" Alaskan United Methodist) was spent in this way: 11 cents for buildings and indebtedness, 9 cents for program, 24 cents for other current expenses (keeping the churches open and operating), 25 cents for pastors' salaries plus another 6 cents for their utilities and travel. Nine cents was given to the Pension Crusade, 8.5 cents was apportioned on a fair share basis for the needs of our conference and the world wide church, and 6 cents was given to other benevolent causes.

HOW THE "AVERAGE ALASKAN UNITED METHODIST DOLLAR" IS SPENT



SECOND: In our times together I have often asked what are your celebrations and your concerns. Let me share some of these from this past conference year.

The faces around us are constantly changing (and I don't refer to the clowns of Jewel Lake and Turnagain.) This year has seen Bobbi Eicher, Max Cramer and Dave Fison leave pastoral appointments in Alaskan churches, and with the reading of appointments on Sunday we expect to lose the pastoral services of LeRoy Davis, John Atwood and John Garvin. This year has also seen the death of former superintendent Meredith A. Groves, and the widow of a former pastor, Mrs. J. J. Patton.

New faces to Alaska parsonages include those of Oliver and Betty Auchengaugh and their son Alan who came to Ketchikan in November. Reeves and Jerri Havens and their daughters, Rana and Maia, who returned to Alaska and are serving Anchorage First part time. John and Louise Atwood are serving St. John in the interim, and David and Aleen Fison began serving part time at Girdwood May First. With the reading of appointments there will be three new families named to Alaskan churches, all of whom plan to arrive here on June 29th. Other new and exciting members of our parsonage families include Arriane Eicher, born July 10, Douglas Amerson, born January 17, and Debbie Vostry, to whom Mel was married June 10. Welcome, congratulations and may God bless us all in our ministry and lives together.

Seward is looking forward to its 75th Anniversary next year. Among the festivities in our churches this year, Fairbanks, Chugiak and Anchor Park celebrated their 25th birthdays, and Moose Pass celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its church building. What a year 1953-54 must have been! Turnagain celebrated 20 years and burned its parsonage mortgage. Fairbanks and Kenai also burned the mortgages on their churches.

New structures were completed at Jesse Lee Home, Nome Community Center and Homer, and the Douglas Church construction continues. Major property improvements were also completed this year at Anchorage First, St. John and Ketchikan and are underway at Anchor Park.

Sitka is finally moving to the construction stage of their new parsonage. Fairbanks has just purchased a parsonage for their associate pastor with funds from the sale of the campus ministry duplex. Bayshore is presenting a proposed parsonage to the Committee on Building and Church Location, and the New Hope Methodist Presbyterian Church has purchased a modular unit used as the recreation building at Pump Station Eight which will be moved onto their site at North Pole this summer. Building Committees are also at work in Soldotna, North Kenai and Bayshore.

We celebrate a total of \$133,177.61 that has been given to the Pension Crusade Fund to date. Sixty per cent of the money pledged has been given and local churches still need to follow up on this to fulfill our commitments. Some churches have been outstanding in their support of this program. Ninilchik for instance has contributed 17.4% of its total giving in 1978 to the

Pension Crusade and St. John has given 86% of its pledged amount.

More than buildings or money, the work of the church is people and their ministries. So we celebrate the fact that the Homer church is sponsoring a refugee family of nine members and three generations from Vietnam. Chugiak continues its outreach ministries such as providing emergency grocery baskets where public assistance is unable to help and offering a presence of love and help within the Eagle River Correctional Institute. Northern Light Church in Juneau loaned the Douglas Church \$20,000 and gave them \$10,000. Its members are involved in a wide scope of personal and community services. First Church Fairbanks is constantly reaching out with major contributions to North Pole, Alaska Pacific and a host of other outreach missions. The Nome Church and the Shaffers are involved in community issues and programs in an unusual variety of ways. Anchor Park's fellowship has expanded to include the Tongan Community, an outreach which also enriches the congregation's worship as the Tongan choir frequently sings.

As I have worshipped with all but two congregations, I have been thrilled and moved by good and great music, by hearing the word well preached (at times,) and by sharing in the goodly fellowship of the body of Christ. I am especially grateful for the increasing number of people in worship in Ninilchik, Seward and Sitka. And, where two or three United Methodists get together, there's bound to be a collection or a potluck dinner. Where but in Nome will muktuk be served? Does any group enjoy their meals together more than the folks at Fairbanks where they had four potlucks in one week recently? I covet the chance for each of you to share with the Juneau families in their Sunday morning breakfasts at Northern Light United Church.

And how can we help but rejoice that we have reached out to complete the constituting of the New Hope Methodist Presbyterian Church at North Pole, Alaska, shortly before conference last year, and have seen it grow and plan and now work to install its new building this summer. Then on Pentecost Sunday the Bayshore United Methodist Church was formally constituted. It is an exciting and sometimes frightening experience for a small group to take the responsibilities of an organized church. May God's richest blessings be upon both groups as they set forth to be faithful and effective arms of the body.

And THIRD: Last year your superintendent noted the maturing of the Alaska Missionary Conference from adolescence to young adulthood. Even in this year I have seen many signs of good growth on the part of churches and of the conference.

In Art Knight we have the second fully ordained, home-grown Alaskan serving under appointment within Alaska. There are now five others attending seminaries from Alaskan churches: Ernest Smith, Tom Larson, Terence Eberle, Anne Weld and David Collins. Thanks to the "Search for Ministry" conference there are also several others on their way to a more committed ministry as Christians, with some of them perhaps heading for ordained ministry.

We have emphasized the church's relation to Alaska Natives. Through several fellowship events, courses prepared and often taught by Lydia Hays and others, and especially in the "Point of Contact" conference held in April, non-native United Methodists are becoming more aware of the Natives' viewpoints and needs.

We have met as Laity and Clergy to consider our churches' family ministry, and we have studied and fellowshipped and grown with United Methodist Youth, United Methodist Women, campus ministry groups in Fairbanks and Anchorage, and as pastors and spice. Through our 23 churches and our varied institutions we have sought to offer the ministry of Christ and to find help to meet intellectual, physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of thousands and thousands of people across Alaska.

As we grow in maturity we are taking more and more responsibility for our own mission support and we are looking forward to developing more and more of our own program of church extension. Eighteen of our churches are paying most of their own way, but none of our churches are totally free from using "outside" funds or administrative aid. We continue by the grace of God and the goodness of generous Christians, both from within Alaska and from "outside." We must be aware of these saints who make our ministry possible and give thanks to them and to God.

I see evidences of maturing as a conference and as churches and as individual Christians in the growing concern that is being shown for others. Yet we are not fully mature as long as we are overly interested in getting help for our churches and projects rather than in working toward a responsible level of self-support or in sharing our resources of time, of money, or of efforts to help others. We applaud the stance of the Bayshore Church in declaring that the first 10% of its income would be for others.

In another vein, I am very concerned that we set a high moral example for others. Paul concluded that, if it offended or misled others for him to eat meat that had been offered to idols, he would not eat meat. We also must be lovingly concerned with the impact of our examples. Nothing we do should cause our neighbors, or our children, to find fault with the faith or to stumble and hurt themselves. I speak specifically of such common things as the use of alcohol and tobacco, of overeating, and the misuse of resources, of disregard for law, of un-Christianlike quarrelling, and of insensitivity to the needs and feelings of those around us. Morality for piety's sake has little virtue, but morality motivated by love is a basic demonstration of the Gospel we claim, and is evidence of our maturing in the faith.

Mission is the active and self-giving pursuit of doing whatever is necessary to the best of our ability to meet the needs of those whom God loves. Inasmuch as you have done it, inasmuch as we are giving time and effort, or sharing our wealth, to meet those needs, we are in mission for Christ. We are called not to self-service, but to thoughtful and faithful representation of the Gospel of Christ in word and gift and deed.

Though we may have all of the outward appearances of being the church, of being Christian, if we don't have love, we are but a noisy irritant to the world or to God. Whether or not we are complete klutzes, we know that in our ineptness and foolishness we'll drop the ball, again and again, but by the grace of God, we can begin again to make love our aim, to be the church.

So, with gratitude for the good we have known and been a part of in the year past, we enter another year with hope and joy....confident that God is within us. Amen.

B. STATE OF THE CHURCH - 1979

Bishop Jack M. Tuell

What is the State of the Church in this, the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine? There are many ways to approach that question. If we look at all denominations in the United States in terms of numbers, there were 132.8 million members of churches at the end of 1978. This represented 60.8% of the total population, a percentage virtually unchanged for several years. The church seems to "holding."

Those of you who fly very much are familiar with holding patterns. This happens when you arrive near an airport and because of bad weather conditions, heavy air traffic, or a combination of such reasons, the pilot has to fly around in circles or oblong patterns, waiting until it is possible to land.

The church seems to be in a kind of holding pattern today. Safe, but incredibly dull; greatly preferable to crashing, but rather dismally lacking a sense of direction. And one thing about a holding pattern--it can't last indefinitely--the fuel will run out after a while. So it is with the church--it has not crashed, as a number of writers in some of our journals were predicting a few years back that it would have by now--nor has it taken off in new soaring adventures of faith. It is in a holding pattern, and the fuel will run out unless there is a refueling of the Holy Spirit to bring new life, new hope and new direction to the church.

Now the United Methodist Church is a part of this greater church, and what I have said about the church in a holding pattern applies to us. But in applying that holding pattern to the United Methodist Church, I want to emphasize three words that I think especially describe the State of the United Methodist Church today.

We are TROUBLED. We are troubled about many things, but fundamentally we are troubled about our identity. Who are we United Methodists? What is it that gives us a reason for being? What is it that makes us distinctive among groupings of Christians? Why should the United Methodist Church continue to exist as an entity? All we seem to do is provide greedy lawyers a convenient defendant for lawsuits.

There have been times in history when the Methodist identity was clear. Certainly when John Wesley gathered his preachers together at conference and prepared to send them out to preach and form societies throughout England, their identity was clear. They were like an army, raised up by God in the midst of an evil and wayward era to proclaim the good news of salvation to anyone who desired to "flee from the wrath to come." They were often despised and rejected by the society around them, but they knew who they were.

When Methodism came to these American shores, much of that same ethos came with it, embodied in Francis Asbury and the circuit riders, but added to it was a dimension of the taming and the reforming of a whole new continent. So the identity of the early circuit rider was to be found in the motif of "spreading scriptural holiness throughout the land." He knew who he was.

The 19th century saw the focus of identity changing from outreach to the unsaved to lifting up a lifestyle of personal morality, rectitude, sobriety, and earnest endeavor on behalf of human-kind. Methodists were in the forefront of organizing YM and YWCA's, international Sunday School associations, and sending missionaries abroad to "Christianize the heathen." Thus, when people in Portland in 1879 were persecuting the Chinese, the annual conference came to their defense, but hastily added that it was Methodists' duty to "Christianize and Americanize" them. The identity of Methodists during that period was to be found in an assurance that they represented a way of life which, if it were adopted by everyone, would indeed reform the continent. It was a time of supreme self-confidence, reflecting an attitude prevalent in the whole nation.

The 20th century saw the politicizing of this self-confident assurance of possessing the answers to the good life in the drive to enact Prohibition, the 18th Amendment. The Methodist Church became a political force during those years in a way unprecedented in its history. The Methodist Church was the power behind the anti-saloon league and other organizations actually working for prohibition, and annual conference and General Conference sessions in this period were dominated by that theme. And whatever the merits of that cause, Methodists during that period had an identity: they were fighters against the evil of the liquor traffic.

After World War I, the process of a loss of distinct identity set in and has been accelerating to this day. Not that efforts haven't been made. There has been a strong pacifist movement in the Church, seeking to re-focus some of the idealistic fervor that marked the prohibition cause into the cause of world peace. But this has never quite come off in a way that would classify the United Methodist Church as a "peace church." Many leaders in the United Methodist Church over the past 50 years would be classified as liberals, but it would be a mistake to say that the identity of the church in recent years has been fully defined by the word "liberal." That would be hotly disputed in many quarters. The same could be said for those who have sought to make

evangelism the key to the identity of the Church. They have not succeeded, either.

So what gives a present day United Methodist his or her identity? The best that many people seem to come up with is "we're for pluralism." That is a dreadful admission, as it seems to say, "Our identity is in our lack of identity." Or, "We are a people of ten million different opinions and they're all right." Is that what identifies us? If so, no wonder we are troubled!

I believe we do have an identity, but we have not been very good at articulating that identity. Surely to equate our identity with our pluralism is a cop-out. But our identity is wrapped up with our commonly held core of Christian belief, our insistence on holding together learning and vital piety, personal holiness and social holiness, our vital concern for the soul of the individual and the soul of the world. A major task of the Church and the 1980 General Conference is a new articulation of our identity not only as United Methodists but as members of Christ's Holy Church.

One practical point at which the church is troubled today is over the problems of bureaucracy, and this is not unrelated to the problem of identity. One of the major issues at the General Conference will be concern for how the bureaucracy works. The mythical "average United Methodist" may ask, "How did we get all that bureaucracy and what does it have to do with me and my church?" The problem is this contemporary United Methodist is living in a time when he or she feels no identity with boards and agencies which sprang up at a particular time in history which compelled the creation of such a board. Thus, the boards arose out of the changing identities of the Church, and then stayed on as bureaucracies tend to do. The average United Methodist doesn't know what the bureaucracy does, and may only hear about it when some controversial action has been taken with which he or she disagrees. Then anger ensues. "Why am I paying my money out for that?" That mood may be reflected to a considerable extent in the 1980 General Conference. The fear is that that kind of anger could produce drastic cuts in our general board structure, which could harm our total mission. I have been close enough to the inside workings of one of our great boards the last eight years to know there is plenty of room for improvement, but that basically the boards are serving the mission of the Church and serving it well. So, the United Methodists are troubled about the bureaucracy. I hope the 1980 General Conference delegates will approach it with a scalpel rather than a meat-ax.

Not only is the United Methodist Church troubled, it is CONFUSED. This confusion arises out of having arrived at almost the culmination of a long process of relativizing what were once considered absolute truths of revealed religion. Historically, religion has been a system of belief in which God has revealed the truth, and that truth has then continued to be interpreted by authorized individuals, i.e., priests - who protect the shared treasure of revealed religion and pass it along. But starting at least as far back as Martin Luther who proclaimed the priesthood of all believers, that framework of absolute

revealed religion has been crumbling. And generally speaking, most of us, most of the time, have rejoiced in this, because we saw it as a freeing sort of process. This process has operated under different names from time to time, such as "situational ethics" or "the new morality." In general, fixed notions of what is right and wrong have been abandoned in favor of a flexible approach based on what is in accord with Christian love. In practice, this affords great leeway.

Now this has come to a head in the controversy over homosexuality. One of the last unspeakable acts has become speakable. And, as though in an assault on the last bastion of absolute revealed religion, it is claimed that there is nothing wrong with homosexual acts, the only test being whether they are done in love and faithfulness. Many United Methodists are confused by this, because though they may have acceded to the relativizing of religious truth, they are not ready to abandon all absolutes. And they are haunted by the feeling that if they indeed abandon all absolutes they have abandoned the essence of revealed religion, and have become humanists. To put it another way, they have a deep down feeling that there are some things that are wrong because God determined and announced they are wrong, and the attitude of the person involved in such activity is irrelevant to the rightness or wrongness of the act. But this comes in conflict with a widespread laissez-faireism in our attitudes about other persons today, characterized by the common remark, "If it's good for him or her, it's good." By which we're not normally making a theological or ethical statement, but perhaps saying, "I'll let you do your thing if you let me do mine."

So the United Methodist Church is confused about the nature of truth--whether it is revealed to us in scripture in absolute form, or whether it is changing and evolving so that what is right or wrong "depends on the situation." The homosexuality issue is simply a symbol and a focus for this larger and more basic confusion. The floor of the General Conference will resound with, and newspaper headlines be full of, arguments pro and con on the issue of homosexuality, but the heart of the controversy will be the nature of moral truth--changing or unchanging?

Another more practical area of confusion will have to do with the denomination's being involved in ministries of healing and caring through institutions--especially what this means when we get sued for a few hundred million dollars, a la Pacific Homes. When the Church initiates a ministry, are we then legally liable? For years, we have enjoyed having our cake and eating it. That is, we have loved to talk about "our" institutions, "our" schools, "our" homes, "our" hospitals, but a multi-million dollar lawsuit against one of our institutions is remarkably effective in demonstrating how that institution isn't really ours at all. There is enormous ambiguity and confusion about the relationship of our Church to institutions and ministries that is has helped start, and this General Conference may see a beginning of sorting out this confusion, although the fact that Pacific Homes litigation may still be pending will

probably be an inhibiting factor.

But, thank God, when I look at the State of the Church, it is not all troubled nor is it all confused. For all of that, the State of the Church is also **HOPEFUL**.

I sense this in many ways. I sense it in worship. I am in worship services in all different settings from week to week, and worship, the heart of the local church and the whole church, is vital and real. The local, worshipping congregation, that's where the hope is! We've been through quite a revolution in worship in the last 15 years. There was the period when we thought guitars would bring in the Kingdom, and that the hymnals ought to be thrown out as relics of the ancient past. We have sometimes celebrated so vigorously that all element of awe and wonder in worship has fled. We've been through the mill. But what I see emerging is a renewed appreciation of the new **AND** the old, a freedom to use all kinds of resources to enhance worship, and an emerging order of worship which combines some of the old dignity with a looseness and freedom characteristic of the contemporary. That's hopeful.

I believe the emerging consensus that our faith is both personal and social moving to a more conservative stance, but that does not mean, as I perceive it, that the United Methodist Church is retreating from social issues. What this that the United Methodist Church is retreating from social issues. What this means may be illustrated by a current issue: in response to one of our Board's seeming identification with the side of the patriotic front in Zimbabwe, those opposed to that are not saying the Board should not be involved in such an issue because it is political, they are saying the Board is on the wrong side and should be backing Bishop Muzorewa. In other words, to the dismay of some liberals, the United Methodist Church is at the point of accepting its involvement in social issues at precisely the time it is turning more conservative. Well, whether liberal or conservative, the acceptance by the United Methodist Church of the principle that the gospel applies to all of life, personal and social, cannot be viewed as anything but a sign of hope.

But finally, my appraisal that the State of the Church is hopeful is the way I still see God working in the church and through its people. Miracles happen every day. The Church continues to be the one instrument in our world that crosses all the boundaries not in the name of profit and exploitation, but in the name of One who came that all persons might have life and have it abundantly.

And I am hopeful for the United Methodist Church because of its people and the way God works through them.

Most of you know Meredith Groves, Superintendent here from 1964 to 1969, who died a couple of weeks ago at 82.

Meredith is an example of a person, an ordinary person, whom God and the United Methodist Church got hold of, and through whom worked wonders in the lives of people. Meredith was a man known for his driving--he was so singleminded about getting to the task that he couldn't be bothered with

looking at either the road or the speedometer.

When I first came to Portland, I ran into Meredith, then retired for three years. I will never forget in the fall of 1972 (when he was about 75), Marji and I were on our initial rounds and met with a group of clergy and laity on the other side of the river in Portland. The ministers were asked to share with me what was happening in their churches. One after another got up, and in an endless line of torpor, painted a gloomy picture of declining participation and impossible situations. The last minister to report was Meredith Groves. He said, "Well, we took in 40 members last year, and we're just completing a religious census of the whole community. We're on the march!" At that moment, I thought, "Oh for a dozen 75-year old retired ministers!"

The United Methodist Church is made up of ten million or so people like that-ordinary people, who by the power of God acting in their lives, have released enormous energies of love and service, and on behalf of justice and truth in our world. To be a part of such a community is a source of deep joy and satisfaction to me, and is the reason why I say that despite the fact that it may be troubled and confused on some things, the State of the United Methodist Church can be described as full of hope for the future.

C. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hoy T. Cole, President

The Board of Trustees of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc., was organized effective April 8, 1977. Subsequent to the routine organization, adopting of Bylaws and drafting of the organizational minutes, the trustees have been inoperative with the exception of the acquisition of property identified as Tract A-3A, Bayshore West, Unit no. 2, in Anchorage, for use as a community church in the Bayshore area. The acquired property at the time of its acquisition in the fall of 1978 was valued at \$135,000.00. There remains due and owing the sum of \$26,414.43 with interest payments at 8% payable June 1, 1979, June 1, 1980 and June 1, 1981. The trustees hold title to the property and are trustors on the deed of trust as herein above stated. There is a release provision and replatting and resubdivision provision which are adequate to protect the trustees.

D. BOARD OF PENSIONS

Don Keil, Chairperson

We report that the pension plan outlined in the 1978 OFFICIAL JOURNAL (pages 84-86) is proceeding on schedule. We are now at the \$100.00

rate.

The pension drive continues to be successful in supporting our objective of raising the pension rate to our January, 1980 target of \$105.00.

Currently, we are 70% into our campaign for pension funding. Our receipts to date are at 60%; while this does not jeopardize our schedule it does suggest the need for individual church attention.

We are exploring the possibility of improving the posture of our disability plan. Our thrust is to determine any cost implication of an increase with the General Board of Pensions; any increase to be accomplished without hindering the current financial plan.

We propose the following enabling motion: To enable the Board of Pensions to evaluate the Disability Plan; to determine if increased coverage can be obtained within resources; and if it is feasible to begin the implementation. This action is to be taken in coordination with the Council on Finance and Administration.

E. CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

Larry Bennett

This has been a tremendously exciting and productive year for lay activities within the Alaska Missionary Conference. The following are highlights of those activities in which the lay leader participated in 1978-79:

LAY/CLERGY CONFERENCE

The highlight of the conference year was the third Lay/Clergy Conference held at Birchwood Camp, February 17-19, 1979. Some 65 persons attended the conference, whose leaders were Bishop and Mrs. Dale White of the New Jersey Area. Dale and Gwen provided excellent guidance as we considered several topics under the general theme of Family Ministry. These topics included, "What's Happening to the American Family?", "Generation to Generation", "Will Our Children Have Faith?", and "Helping Families Communicate."

In addition, there were times of fellowship, devotion and worship. The weather and the kitchen staff provided excellent support for a highly successful weekend. A compilation of conference evaluation responses is available from the conference office or the lay leader.

VISITS TO LOCAL CHURCHES

The lay leader continued his program of visits to local congregations, visiting six churches during 1978-79. At each, it was his privilege to offer the ser-

mon at the worship service. Visits included the following:

Soldotna--August 13
New Hope at North Pole--September 10
Chugiak--September 17
Turnagain--October 22
Girdwood--March 3
Anchor Park--April 22

SURVEY OF MEN'S ACTIVITIES IN LOCAL CHURCHES

A survey of men's activities in local churches was conducted as mandated by the 1978 annual conference. The complete summary of results from this survey is included on the next page. It was found that, of the eighteen churches responding to the survey questionnaire, six have regularly scheduled men's activities, while eight have occasional activities for men. Of those regular activities, breakfast meetings are by far the most popular.

COMMITTEE WORK AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The lay leader participated in planning sessions for the Search for Ministry Conference and attended part of the conference on March 3.

The Conference Council on Ministries met three times during the conference year; it was the lay leader's privilege to participate in these meetings on October 6-7, February 15-16 and June 12-13.

One meeting of the Alaska Consultation Committee was held during the year. The complete delegation was present at this meeting, which was held September 14-15 in New York City.

It has been a rich privilege to work with so many dedicated lay persons and pastors during this past year. The cooperation and assistance of all is very much appreciated. I look forward to an even more exciting and purposeful fourth and final year as conference lay leader.

A SURVEY OF MEN'S ACTIVITIES IN LOCAL CHURCHES OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The 1978 Annual Conference directed the Lay Leader to conduct a survey of men's activities in congregations across the conference. A survey questionnaire was mailed in February to each pastor, and 18 questionnaires were returned by May 2. The following is a compilation of responses:

CHURCHES REPORTING REGULARLY-SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Anchor Park--Weekly Monday morning breakfast and fellowship at a restaurant. Devotions and presentation/discussion.

Douglas--Breakfast meeting on first Saturday of each month at church.

Fairbanks--Breakfast meeting at church on first Monday of each month. Devotions and a program. Current program series is on "Outdoor Alaska."

St. John--Breakfast on two Saturday mornings each month. Informal discussions; no programs.

Soldotna--Breakfast meeting one Friday morning each month at a restaurant. Discussion of a topic of current interest.

Turnagain--Schedule of breakfasts between two Sunday morning worship services. Prepared and served by men for entire congregation.

CHURCHES REPORTING OCCASIONAL MEN'S ACTIVITIES

Douglas--Work parties for new building.

Fairbanks--Sponsorship of Ice Cream Social; Spring Clean-Up Day at church; Work party at Camp Bingle; Moose hunt.

Homer--Maintenance/repair workdays at church and parsonage; occasional breakfasts; Father/Son Breakfast.

Jewel Lake--Visitation teams to call on new families and inactive members.

Nome--Sponsorship of Easter Breakfast.

Seward--Sponsorship of Easter Breakfast; special Christmas activities.

Sitka--Sponsorship of Easter Breakfast.

Soldotna--Fishing trip; Father/Son Breakfast.

Total responses--18 (of 22)

Total reporting regular activities--6 (all breakfasts!)

Total reporting occasional activities--8 (3 reported both regular and occasional activities).

Total reporting no activities--7

F. UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Marion Gotschall, President

Conference Executive Committee attended Pacific Regional School of Mission

Annual Meeting, September 22, 23, 1978

Faye Matthews of the Women's Division--resource person

Murden Woods and Ed Stanton--also resource persons

Mid-Winter Executive Committee meeting in Juneau, January 19 and 20, 1979.

Itinerated Marilyn Winters to all local units (except Nome and Sitka) in March in an effort to make women aware of racism in our society and to help us understand the new charter for Racial Justice which is to be voted upon at the 1979 Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women. Marilyn Winters concluded her trip to Alaska by participating in the Southeast Mission Education

Event in Ketchikan in March and leading workshops on racism and women's health concerns.

Delegates were sent to the following workshops:

International Year of the Child, at the Church Center for the UN (Feb.)

Status and Role of Women Workshop, Denver--one delegate each (Feb.)

Racial Inclusiveness Workshop, Seattle--Conference President, Nominating Committee and Core Planning Group members (April)

Criminal Justice Seminar, Portland--two delegates and Core Planning members (May)

We are recommending sponsoring two Mission Education Events this year:

South Central Alaska (Seward) October 26 and 27, 1979

South East Alaska (Sitka) March, 1980

Hopefully, three delegates will attend the National Seminar at Lincoln, Nebraska, August 1979.

We're negotiating a Conference Leadership Development Workshop for Conference Executive Committee in 1980 with the Women's Division.

G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Claudia Kelsey, Bea Shepard

At the suggestion of the Superintendent and with the concurrence of the Administrative Council of the Douglas Community United Methodist Church, Claudia Kelsey and Bea Shepard spent seven weeks in the South 48 talking about the Methodist Church in Alaska. We felt that it would be better to use our broad information on the Alaskan United Methodist Church as a whole--and its history-- than to concentrate entirely on the Douglas Church and its needs, and so this is what we did.

Speaking and showing slides, we talked to 18 church groups in Texas, New Mexico and California. We were received with great interest and appreciation and feel that the Alaska United Methodist Church is more real to the people we talked to. There seems to be a very definite place for this kind of "publicity" for the Alaska Missionary Conference and we seriously believe something of this kind should continue.

A number of persons involved in some of the earlier projects and activities of the Alaska Mission have been contacted and requested to record tapes of some of their experiences in Alaska. Several have expressed interest in doing so and we are looking forward to receiving these tapes and making them a part of our "archives."

A report on the History of Medical Missions in Alaska was prepared and presented to the Statewide Conference on Church History held at AMU in

August of 1978. It is hoped that we can expand this report at a later time.

We have not given up the idea of preparing a booklet on the history of the Alaska Mission of the Methodist Church and we continue to collect pictures and information with this in mind.

We are also considering strongly the preparation of a recorded slide show of the history of the Alaska Methodist Church that can be sent to churches and individuals wishing to use it. We hope to get started on this in 1979.

H. REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION TASK FORCE

Bob Smay, Chairperson

The Task Force on Church Extension sees a need for church extension in the following areas: Valdez, the Mat Valley, Fairbanks Northwest, Metlakatla, Hope, the new capital area, Unalaska, Glenallen, Bethel area, Seldovia and a full-time person at Ninilchik. The Wasilla-Knik Road area is a rapidly growing area and should be one of the top priorities.

With reports of growth being made in the community of Dutch Harbor, the possibilities for establishing a ministry in Unalaska need to be considered. There is a need to determine if it would be feasible to have a church in Valdez. The suggestion of a highway ministry, a person to travel up and down the highway ministering to these villages and clusters of people, has been made. The "Circuit Rider" concept could be used to advantage in these areas where there are clusters of people and small communities (Glenallen and Copper River areas, for example.)

If the plan for the Experiment in Practical Christianity program is implemented, a similar program might be provided for the people living in the areas along the highway. Groups could be started using leadership from the Anchorage area churches that had training in the EPC program.

In order to begin to establish new ministries in these areas, it seems essential to have a person available to do the survey work. The needs of the communities and their interests should be assessed. It is recommended that contacts be made with the National Division to see if there are persons available that would be willing to spend some time in Alaska doing surveys of the areas suggested.

Not only do the new areas for ministry need to be considered, but ways to help the established churches meet their growing needs should be considered. Continued support (including financial support) should be given to Bayshore United Methodist Church and the New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian Church. Help in securing funds should be given to churches as new building programs are started. At the present time an emphasis on the need for funds for a new sanctuary at Soldotna is necessary.

Plans for a means to aid church extension programs in the future need to

be made. The plan for the church extension finance crusade would begin to bring needed funding. After the crusade is completed, an ongoing plan for church extension funds needs to be implemented. Perhaps an apportioned amount based on the church's grade figure could be an option.

I. AGENCY REPORTS

ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Walter L. Hays

Alaska Children's Services (ACS) is an ecumenical agency dedicated to serving the needs of Alaska's troubled children and their families as a ministry of the church. Since its founding in 1970 as a joint venture of American Baptist, American Lutheran and United Methodist churches, ACS has been a leading advocate of good child welfare in the state. This past conference year has been one of continued growth and progress; highlights of the year can be summarized as follows:

AGENCY PERFORMANCE. ACS is now a member of the National Association of Homes for Children (NAHC), a nation-wide network of private institutions providing quality residential care. ACS is one of the few institutions in the state to have been invited to join NAHC. (Additionally, we are still the only institution in the state to have met the professional standards for full membership in the Child Welfare League of America.).... In calendar 1978 we served 930 children in our several programs of care--a marked increase over the 697 children served in '77....ACS completed the first phase of its current capital expansion program with the dedication of the new Activity Center at the Jesse Lee Home on April 1st....The leadership of the agency is now making a concentrated effort to develop complementary program and development plans for 1980-83....The agency had no endowment in 1975; in the past four years we have developed the beginnings of an endowment program--current endowment assets are \$115,000.

PROJECTS AND PERSONNEL. The "milestone" of this past year was the dedication of the new activity center at the Jesse Lee Home. The new center provides 7,800 square feet of multipurpose space, including three classrooms, a teacher's lounge, an arts and crafts room and a gymnasium/ auditorium. The cost of this facility and its furnishings was \$775,000; the center was dedicated debt-free and an overflow crowd of 325 persons from the community was on hand to share in this joyous occasion! Advance Special Gifts from 127 individuals and churches throughout the nation helped make this dream come true. The Jesse Lee Home is providing increased services to families in "Bush"

Alaska who have children in care at Jesse Lee through Project Family Service. This culturally sensitive project, funded by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation provides for field visits to "Bush" communities by the social work staff, campus visits by representative nuclear and extended family members of children in care, and quarterly cultural seminars led by an anthropologist for the entire Jesse Lee treatment team....Two new executive staff persons have been added in the past few months. Mike Weingarten of Waldon, Colorado is now Director of our community based Group Homes Project, and Tom Gunderson of Oakland, California has assumed the new position of Director of Clinical Services; both bring excellent academic credentials and broad professional experience to the agency leadership team....Gary Holthaus, who served for three years as a United Methodist ACS Board member, led 40 classes in the areas of values clarification, self-expression, and job-hunting skills for youth in the Group Homes Program this school year. The classes, made possible by a Title I grant, were very positively evaluated by the youth in attendance and the Group Homes staff....Bob Bowers now directs our network of emergency care and crisis for children and teenagers; ACS has a total of 20 beds (in three locations in Anchorage) reserved for crisis care and is the principal resource in the Anchorage metropolitan area providing shelter for abused and neglected children. In calendar '78, 725 of the 930 children served by ACS were placed in our emergency shelter/crisis care programs....John Garvin continues to provide strong leadership for our specialized ministry. John was recently elected to the Executive Advisory Committee of the Child Welfare League of America. Additionally, ACS has been selected as the host for the 1981 Western Regional Conference of the Child Welfare League to be held in Anchorage. This event will bring 500 to 700 child welfare professionals to Alaska from the Western states and Canadian provinces, and will bring a needed focus and forum to the state that can help lift up the needs of Alaska's Children. John Garvin will serve as co-chairman of the conference.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. ACS is proud to be a ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are grateful for a new approved Advance Special project for '79 and '80 (that will help us improve our religious education and recreation program at Jesse Lee Home)..... Fifty-two youth and adults from St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, came to Alaska this past summer for a work camp experience; one third of the team gave over 1,000 hours of voluntary service at Jesse Lee and helped clear several tons of brush and fallen timber from the campus... Judy Powell left the Board this past year after six years of dedicated service as both a United Methodist and community representative. We are grateful for the strong support given to our ministry by several congregations in the Alaska Missionary Conference and pledge to you our best efforts in the service of Alaska's troubled children.

ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Dr. Glenn A. Olds, President

This second year since reopening has been a full one. The name of the university, reflecting its wider mission, fresh start, and new perspective, has been changed to Alaska Pacific University. It has not meant minimizing our Methodist connection, but rather deepening our Methodist mission and outreach. Indeed, we have been reinstated as an Advance Special, received additional support from the Board of Higher Education, and now seek sustaining conference support from a dozen conferences solicited directly by Bishop Tuell.

The campus and its future development has been secured by a new long-term agreement with the Bureau of Land Management permitting development of income-producing property coordinated with our educational programs, insuring the prospect of sustaining and living endowment. Our student body has more than doubled, as has our gift income. The doctoral program with U.S.C. has been launched. Our new Vice President for Public Affairs and Development, Dr. Don Ward, senior minister of First Congregational Church, Evanston, Illinois, and former president of Yankton College, South Dakota, and his talented wife, Vera, are now aboard and encouragingly effective. Our academic programs are sound, innovative, and value and service oriented. We continue to need good students, personal and financial support and the conference's dedicated leadership and confidence.

NOME COMMUNITY CENTER

Rose Ann Timbers, Director

The past year has been very active and productive for the Nome Community Center. We are continually expanding our programs and services to the residents of Nome and each department is growing in all areas.

The Nome Community Center has run five major categories of programs throughout the year. The highlight of the year was the new building and the accomplishment of that project is near completion with the biggest responsibility being carried on by Loman Young. Loman Young was invaluable, acting as construction agent and coordinating the efforts of others, not to mention the many hundreds of hours he worked on the building himself.

The Senior program has serviced seniors in the following areas: Worked with RuralCap to winterize 30 seniors' homes in Nome, provided nutrition to 99 seniors, with support services in transportation, recreation, arts/crafts, Eskimo dancing, shopping assistance, information and referral, and companionship/visitation. The senior program will be very active in planning for the new multipurpose center for Nome with the bond known as "1978 Health Facilities" for \$872,400.

The Diversion Program seeks to divert youth from the Criminal Justice Program and decrease the penetration into it if she/he has already been arrested. This year there were 434 contacts made from group counseling and individuals and their families. Glenn Martin, who previously was a volunteer with the Methodist Church, is working as the Diversion Director.

Outdoor Recreation Program centers around skiing, skating, sledding, ice fishing, trapping and overnight camping for all ages.

Recreation includes gym programs, conditioning, volleyball, basketball, Eskimo games, broomball, hockey; softball includes 135 youth and 100 adult players with 7 days a week of activities. This coming summer new programs include a Day Camp at Dexter, ARCO Jesse Owens Regional Track & Field meet, summer playground activities and development of improved parks and recreation land.

New programs will be a movie program for all; since the Nomerama closed down, there hasn't been any movie entertainment for the public. We felt there was a need for this and developed a bi-monthly movie program for the entire family. Nome Boys Club will be organized by Glenn Martin this summer for boys ages 14 to 17. The Recreation Director assists in three gym classes to make contacts with the students and give them personal attention. Drug Education expands into a library at the youth center containing books, pamphlets, films and filmstrips on drugs, human relation concepts and family concerns. We also hope to hold groups for parents including parent effectiveness training and values clarification for adults.

Nome Community Center has branched off the Bering Sea Women's Group to a separate board, of which I am a member, to continue serving the needs of women with the shelter and resource center.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY, FAIRBANKS

Chuck Young, Director

United Campus Ministry at the U of A, Fairbanks had an active and exciting year in 1978-79. The new director, the Rev. Dr. Charles Young, an ordained United Methodist elder, began his work August 1. He came from the Northern Illinois Conference, having completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, in June. Chuck has served churches in Northern Illinois and was director of a halfway house for adult male parolees for four years.

The basic program of U.C.M. for this year included weekly worship services (average attendance 12+, a theologically significant number), Sunday evening fellowship and Bible study, a weekly News sheet, a Fall Hunger Week emphasis, a Christmas "linking" program which linked students away from home at Christmas with local families, and during second semester a weekly mini-sermon printed in the campus newspaper, and a "Covenant Group for

Lifestyle Assessment" group.

Along with these, there was the usual formal and informal counseling, special events during Advent-Christmas, and Lent-Easter. A very successful retreat on Experiential Theology was held March 25-29 during Spring Break. Eleven students attended with "rave reviews" by all. Chuck has also been a part of the Student Services staff meetings and weekly Resident Advisor meetings.

Two United Methodist students have visited with Chuck about the possibility of entering the United Methodist ministry. These conversations have been some of the most rewarding of Chuck's first year.

Organizationally: United Campus Ministry, Inc. has had excellent attendance and participation at both Corporation and Executive Committee meetings. Our new secretary and treasurer are both doing excellent work keeping track of our meetings and our money. Our funding looks adequate for the foreseeable future if each denomination is able to make small annual increases. The United Methodist contribution for calendar year 1979 is \$8,600. U.C.M.'s request for 1980 is \$9,000.

One of the highlights of the year will be May 6 when Dr. Glenn Olds, President of Alaska Pacific University will be the Baccalaureate speaker at our U.C.M.-sponsored baccalaureate. We decided to "do it up right" this year, and have not only an excellent speaker, but also have Dr. James Johnson and the choir of First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks, for our music.

At least two students have indicated that they will be returning next fall to the U of A, Fairbanks campus because of the U.C.M. program. You can't get better affirmations than that!

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY MINISTRY

David K. Fison

The University Community Ministry covers the three institutions of higher learning in Anchorage: Anchorage Community College with some 10,000 students; University of Alaska, Anchorage campus, 1,500; and Alaska Pacific University with 200. Of these, only about 35 at Alaska Pacific University are resident students. For the most part, it is a "commuter campus" ministry.

The position of campus minister is currently half-time for the nine month school year. My ministry began January 1, 1979. We have a broad sponsorship from eleven denominations: American Baptist, Congregational, Christian (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal, Friends, Lutheran ALC, Luthern ALC, Moravian, Salvation Army, United Methodist and United Presbyterian.

Each denomination is eligible for representation on the board that meets monthly with Marge Wooster as chairperson. I share an office at ACC/UAA with Fr. Don Brambel, Roman Catholic, and Mark Boes, Southern Baptist. At Alaska Pacific University, I am officially University Chaplain and also have an office.

A very helpful conference on campus ministry was attended by myself and a board member in December.

General ministry consists of being available to students, faculty and administration for consultation and counseling. Some counseling is more formal, but most is casual, over coffee or in one of the lounges. I have discovered that because of maturity and experience, I am often ministering informally to administration as one with whom they can express frustrations, etc. in confidence.

Some items of special note: I have provided the "New Media Bible" film series on the three campuses. Attendance has not been as great as I had hoped. I then began showing it in the cafeteria with a very good response.

I have held weekly share and prayer meetings at Alaska Pacific. Also, I constructed a communion table and kneelers for the meditation room at Alaska Pacific University.

On occasion I have been a resource person for the classroom and found this most rewarding. I attend numerous functions of students and administration. Mrs. Fison usually accompanies me for the social functions.

I shared with Fr. Brambel and Dr. Hal Banks in establishing a concentration in Religious Studies at Alaska Pacific University beginning the fall of '79. 25 hours of credit courses will be available in this area. Several clergy, including your campus minister, will provide the courses.

I have attended various gatherings at sponsoring churches and have made UCM presentations at several. I have kept a daily log of this ministry, as well as a pictorial presentation in an album, which I display when making presentations.

Placards have been presented to each sponsoring church displaying a photo of the campus minister to keep the ministry ever before the congregations. Also, next fall certificates of appreciation will be presented to each contributing church. The board is working toward a three-quarter time ministry for 1980. This will depend upon local church support. Your sponsorship of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

ARGETSINGER UNITED METHODIST CAMP, SOUTHEAST ALASKA

Robert H. McNabb

The Argetsinger United Methodist Camp, located 29 Mile in Juneau, Alaska, has been operating in good fashion this past year under the care and management of Steve and Maggie Jacovy. While the camp is not equipped to handle large groups in the winter months, many small groups (Girl Scouts, Elementary School classes, the Teen Club of Juneau, and some Adult Education special program groups) have used the camp during the winter, spring and fall months. Our Southeast Churches held a Church Camp for Juniors and Junior Highers for one week in August. Dan Amerson served as director for the camp

of 30 students.

A block of eight weeks during the heart of the summer is taken by the Forest Service Y.C.C. and keeps many other churches from using the camp during the summer. But having the Y.C.C. there does help to pay the bills, and it is a very fine program of work and environmental education for 50 high school students from all over Alaska.

The Douglas Church and the Northern Light Church hold a family retreat over Labor Day, and have a great Thanksgiving Day dinner for all who want to participate. Work days have been held to work on some necessary maintenance programs. A work team from Salem, Oregon, last summer spent a week working around the camp grounds, putting a water pipe underground to the wash house and other projects. The current project is replacing of the spring bunks with wooden bunks and the purchasing of new mattresses. This will be done before the summer is over.

BIRCHWOOD CAMP

Lee Davis, Chairperson
Board of Directors

Birchwood Camp continues to offer some of the finest outdoor Christian Education to be found in the Great Land. Through the planning of an energetic program council, the dedication of a large volunteer staff, and the careful management of the Board of Directors and the camp manager, Birchwood offers year-round facilities and stimulating age-level camping during the summer months.

A decision last fall by the Birchwood Corporation now offers churches of Southcentral Alaska an opportunity to become "partners in camping." A special fund has been established to train area camping leaders.

A full summer schedule has been developed for 1979 including new camps for senior highs and senior citizens. Two work teams are expected at the camp this year to help insulate the main lodge and begin work on a much needed picnic pavilion.

NOME CAMPING

John Shaffer

The primary activity of each summer centers on the Salmon Lake Bible Camp, which was held July 16-21, with Glenn Martin as the Director. Five other adults shared with 23 youths between grades 4 and 9.

The theme for the Bible Camp was "He is Alive." There were three sub-themes: "Being a Disciple," "Making Choices" and "Living in God's World." The leaders shared with the youth how Christ is alive in each one of us and

how we should be aware that we are His disciples and what that means to us.

Bible Study, arts and crafts and music were part of the daily schedule, as well as recreation. Special events included a day of mountain climbing and exploring, an exercise program led by Carter Immingan, a "breakfast hunt," a "monk's meal" (no talking at the meal,) a meal where each one fed the desert to the person on the right, and a closing night party.

In addition, there are travel camps led by the volunteer youth workers in our midst. This year, trips were made to Hastings, Solomon and the Nome River area. This provides some special experiences to those involved.

Funds received from the Minority Children's Fund and the Alaska Missionary Conference enable us to send some children from our parish to Birchwood Camp. Junior Camp included five Nome girls: Denise Bahnke, Mary Bourdon, Brenda Green, Connie Irrigoo and Connie Ozenna. In addition, Volunteer Sue Buckwalter was on the camp staff.

As a result of the current emphasis on youth programming and summer camping, we are getting some encouragement from the youth to have a camp for older youth. We are grateful to those who have helped us the past four years of camping.

During the past two years we have tried two experiments: "berry picking" camp for those without cars, and Family Camp. It did not help the length of the camp when we sighted a grizzly bear approximately two miles from the campsite, as we drove to the "berry picking" camp. Schedules and weather limited the attendance at the Labor Day Family Camp to one family.

J. PASTOR'S REPORTS

ANCHOR PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANCHORAGE

LeRoy Davis, Pastor

"People in Ministry for 25 Years" was the theme of the Anchor Park anniversary celebrations the week of May 16, 1979. Not only did the church review its last ministry and mission for the past year, but for the last quarter century as well. The conclusion was reached that as long as God graces the church with the Spirit that has marked the last two and a half decades, we can anticipate a bright and challenging future.

One of the highlights of the past year has been the creation of a Tongan fellowship within the Anchor Park congregation. There are some 15 members of the church who are from the South Pacific island nation of Tonga. Besides meeting each week for a service of worship in their native language, they have blessed our regular Sunday services with their special music and taken an active part in many of the other church activities.

Tonga was not the only foreign focus for Anchor Park this year. The People's Republic of China and the Holy Land were each addressed in mission programs sponsored by the Committee on Human Needs and the United Methodist Women.

A new excitement has gripped the Adult Church School and a variety of worship experiences have been provided by the Worship Committee. Members of the church have engaged in a sexuality workshop, a LIVING THE ADVENTURE group, a six-week Lenten study and other faith-sharing opportunities. Our United Methodist Women group has grown in size and fellowship and an active Men's Fellowship has been meeting weekly since the first of January. But it still seems to be the UMYF that sets the pace for the church, leading services or worship, spearheading service projects, and generally infecting everyone with a feeling of youthfulness and joy.

We have almost reached our goal of \$30,000 to finance the remodeling of the church kitchen. Hopefully work will begin by early summer.

It is with hope and eagerness that Anchor Park looks to the next 25 years of its Christian presence and witness in the Anchorage community. With the arrival of a new pastor and his family, we should be well armed to march forward like "Christian Soldiers!"

BAYSHORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANCHORAGE

John C. Garvin, Pastor

The name Bayshore United Methodist Church was chosen in March, 1979, by the organizing members as the official name for the new church in the southwest section of Anchorage, Alaska. The fellowship began meeting in the home of John and Audrey Garvin in January of 1978, and in September, 1978, moved its Sunday morning worship services to the Bayshore Club House where it continues to meet for worship on Sunday mornings.

On April 11, 1979, the church was formally incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Alaska. Six members have been elected as trustees for the corporation: Henry Maddux, Jr., President; Marvin Sprunk, Vice President; Mary Lou Campbell, Secretary; Carol Bowman; Thelma Nungesser; and Joseph Seidel.

A three-acre parcel of land at the corner of Bayshore Drive and Admiralty Bay Drive adjacent to the Bayshore Elementary School has been purchased for construction of the church. The architectural firm of Harold Wirum and Associates has been retained and a schematic design for a 6000 sq. ft. building has been developed. Construction is anticipated in the summer of 1980.

Charter membership in the new church was opened on Easter Sunday this year.

The church was organized under the leadership of the Rev. John C. Gar-

vin. The Pastor/Parish Relations Committee has been organized and a full-time pastor is anticipated for the Conference year beginning in June, 1979.

The new Bayshore Church is an approved Advance Special of the United Methodist Church. In addition, the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church has set a goal of \$50,000 as a Conference Advance Special to help the new church get started.

Conference Superintendent, Edmund Stanton, has arranged for part-time pastoral leadership and visitation evangelism by the Rev. Reeves C. Havens, who has devoted one day per week through the winter and spring to visitation of families in the area.

Gordon Bowman has served as the first Chairman of the Administrative Board and under his leadership the congregation has carried out a wide range of activities including Sunday Church School, Evangelism, Financial Development and Mission Outreach.

The Congregation is looking forward to reaching a membership in excess of 100 during the 1979-80 Conference Year.

EAST ANCHORAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANCHORAGE

Roger D. Robison, Pastor

The past year has not been an easy one at East Anchorage. The change of pastors, which always requires some patience on the part of the congregation, was followed immediately by the moving away of some of our most active families. Many people in the Alaska Missionary Conference remember Larry and Marlene Brown and Bill and Margarette Hutchinson for their participation in the Conference as well as in the local church. Another half dozen active families joined them in this year in departing from Anchorage. It has not been easy to keep up our numbers and our morale!

Now the good news: Our gatherings for worship, education and fellowship have continued at about the same level of participation. Lay people continue to give fine leadership in worship as well as in Christian Education and in service projects. Under the leadership of Janet Stiles, our Chancel Choir of 25 and our Children's Choir of 15 voices brighten our worship each week. Easter Sunday saw an inspiring innovation as our Chancel Choir joined with the choir of St. Patrick's Catholic Church to present a musical Easter Celebration with instrumental accompaniment--first at our church and then at St. Patrick's. The fall stewardship emphasis, led by Lonnie Brooks, resulted in our increased budget being handled successfully, to date. At least once a month, the congregation gets together for a fellowship event. These have included picnics, ski-sled outings, berry picking near Eklutna Lake and hikes on Flat-top Mountain.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANCHORAGE

James W. Buffington, Pastor

We live in a changing world where no phase of life is stationary. Poets have compared the shifting scenes to the waves and the sand of the seashore, the clouds of the summer sky, the changing of the seasons. If I were to choose a theme for this report about our church for the past year, it would certainly have to include change..

The church has seen first of all, a change in senior pastors, with the Bartels returning to Wisconsin after serving eight years in Alaska. Bruce Bartel served this church as senior pastor the past two years. There has also been a change in associate pastors as Barbara Eicher took a leave of absence, beginning in October. She was not replaced until the first of the year when Reeves C. Havens, Jr., a retired pastor from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, was hired by the church on a part-time basis. He had served Nome and Ketchikan during the 1950's.

The church changed from having only an Administrative Board to include a Council on Ministries in order that more programming would happen. The mood of the church has been changing to a more positive, optimistic one, as our attendance in worship has been increasing. There have been many physical changes, as well, with the church offices being moved and remodeled, the outside of the church being painted, and the parking lot and alley being blacktopped. The basement is in the process of being finished, as is the new lounge-library.

A strong calling program has been set up with responsibility falling to the evangelism committee and the associate pastor. There have been a substantial number of new people joining our fellowship. The youth program continues to grow and the youth have been involved in many projects, including sponsoring an Easter breakfast and selling Easter lilies. There is a new single adult group.

The church looks forward to the future with a sense of anticipation as old and new leadership blend together in discovering new ways to minister to the needs of those around us. It is good to be in a place such as this when people begin to catch a glimpse of the way things can be and then move to make our dreams become realities.

JEWEL LAKE PARISH ANCHORAGE

Donald L. Hartman, Pastor

The Jewel Lake Parish has come of age within the Tri-Anchor Ecumenical

Parish. For many years Jewel Lake was the "mission" church supported by the Turnagain United Methodist and the Trinity United Presbyterian Churches, but it has grown to be equal with these churches in size, program possibilities and outreach. Example of this can be seen in the sharing rate for the Tri-Anchor budget: 31 per cent Jewel Lake, 31 per cent Trinity and 38 per cent Turnagain.

The 1978-79 Conference year began with the arrival of Margaret Wheeler to the Parish staff as a Volunteer in Mission. The VIM program is a work sponsored by the United Presbyterian Church out of 475 Riverside Drive, New York.

Membership at Jewel Lake as of December 31, 1978 was 168. The congregation has strong motivation with a high percentage of the people active within the life of the church. 1978-79 saw new programs initiated and a consciousness of being part of a community increased.

As a result of a planning retreat held at Birchwood Camp on March 31, 1979, many new programs in Evangelism, Education, Worship and Social Concerns are being planned, plus facility improvements are scheduled for the new Conference year.

We thank God for the past year and the growth it has involved and now look ahead with enthusiasm to what He can accomplish with us in 1980.

ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANCHORAGE

David K. Fison, Pastor

Some of the significant happenings in 1978: This year St. John gained self-support status and began a second worship service. A Lay Witness Mission for the congregation deepened the commitments of many of our people. We sent members David and Sharon Collins off to seminary and the ministry. We also have two additional members who are pre-ministerial candidates, and one of these served as part-time youth director.

Twelve couples participated in the Family Affair Conference. Pulpits were exchanged with the Roman Catholic Church at Palmer.

Our first summer day-camping program was held. The 10-acre wooded area accommodated the program. Permanent tent platforms will be constructed this year.

St. John was selected as one of 200 United Methodist Churches to receive the first installment of the New Media Bible. Hymnal racks for the chairs in the sanctuary were purchased and 75 TEV Pew Bibles were purchased from gifts from the congregation. A new organ fund drive was launched.

A record 50 new members were received this year. We were host to work teams from Iowa and Texas who worked at Alaska Pacific University and St. John, where painting was done at the church and parsonage. The pastor was

dean of a successful senior high winter camp at Birchwood. The Bible Study Work Group for mothers with young children has provided midweek fellowship for a number of people and is a vital force in the life of the church.

The parking area was enlarged and paved. The youth building was carpeted and stair and ramp were constructed for access from the parking area to the youth building. The youth purchased a fireplace for the sanctuary and the United Methodist Women installed the draperies. A new church sign has been erected. New carpet was also installed at the parsonage.

We provided a monthly worship service at the Anchorage Rescue Mission. St. John continues to actively back Alaska Pacific University. St. John maintains one of the best pre-schools in Anchorage and hosts a monthly well-baby clinic.

Some traditional events at St. John have been established. These include the winter festival, the Advent family night with the making of Advent Logs, All Saints Candlelighting Communion and an Ash Wednesday Communion Service.

TURNAGAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANCHORAGE

William G. Trudeau, Pastor

This has been a most positive year for the Turnagain United Methodist Church. Several specific things have happened that have allowed us to expand our outreach and understanding of ministry.

A major plan of reorganization that has been pursued by the congregation for the past several years was tabled indefinitely and in its place two exciting changes have occurred; the combination of the major program areas of the congregation into two major boards; the Committee of Christian Outreach and the Committee on Christian Nurture. These two committees are made up of chairpersons of all the disciplinary committees of the church but serve to reinforce one another's programs and develop a comprehensive calendar of programs for the Turnagain Church for the year. This has greatly facilitated our recruitment of persons to fill the chairpersonships and has resulted in a more thorough-going approach to local church programming. Everything that the Turnagain Church does is the responsibility of one of these two program committees. Secondly, the institution of an executive committee made up of the chair of the Administrative Board, Trustees, Finance Committee, Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, Council on Ministries, Lay Leader and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference has greatly facilitated the decision making process. This committee meets once a month prior to the meeting of the Administrative Board and/or Council on Ministries and reviews all pending questions of the congregation for purposes of referral to as many committees as need to be involved, or as few committees as possible to make the decision necessary.

Thus, our Administrative Board meetings and Trustees meetings have less to deal with and the coordination among the various administrative bodies of the church are greatly enhanced.

The 9:30 service continues to be an important addition to the Turnagain program. Membership is not as high in this current year as it has been in the previous year, but attendance at the 9:30 service has grown consistently and now includes approximately one-third of our worshipping congregation on any given Sunday. The biggest problem with this is the lack of contact by the pastor with the church school program, and this needs to be reviewed in the future.

Turnagain has begun to increase its sensitivity to its global responsibility in mission giving. This fall it was determined to underwrite a significant grant to an inter-church development project in Minto, Alaska. The congregation voted to send and raise sufficient funds to send a member of its congregation to an initial consultation held in Minto, and this summer several members of the congregation are going to take a caravan trip to the community to review what has happened there in the interim. Also in mission and outreach, the congregation has voted to send its chairperson of evangelism to a National School of Evangelism in Billings, Montana, and to undertake a one year intensive program of evangelism ministries. This represents a new thrust for the Turnagain congregation and one that I, as pastor, am exceptionally excited about. The congregation has continued to have a great many visitors and new residents, but our ability to assimilate those persons into the life of the congregation continues to decline. This needs to be a major project for the next years.

Financially, the congregation appears to be relatively healthy. It is undertaking a major redecorating project this summer with an \$8000 paint job to the outside of the church. It has incorporated this unusually large item in its budget and all indications are that the congregation will be able to support it. In addition, major funding advances have been made in the area of mission and evangelism as noted earlier, and in the probable selection of a volunteer to replace our current Tri-Anchor volunteer who retires in August.

The Turnagain Church needs to carefully consider long range goals to assist it in its short range planning. To that end, the Council on Ministries and other agencies of the church are beginning to look at where we hope the congregation will be in a number of years. It is our hope and expectation that this will enable us to set some short-range goals, both in building use and remodeling, as well as in ministry and mission. Local leadership continues to develop and I am most excited about the possibilities of non-clerical ministry inherent within the congregation.

CHUGIAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHUGIAK

Greg Eicher, Pastor

"'Am I loved?' The threat to ...community ...is the persuasive anxiety and hostility that have been created in the lives of so many who have heard no satisfying answer to that most poignant of questions."

Elizabeth O'Connor
in THE NEW COMMUNITY

Building experiences of Christian community requires "inward work" as well as "outward work." The church at Chugiak has long been characterized by its outreaching ministries--the Chugiak Children's Services Head Start Program, the establishment of a local emergency food supply, the sponsoring of Candidates Meetings and the UNICEF drive, the visitation program at the Eagle River Correctional Center. These ministries have continued with strong support, but something new has been happening in the spiritual life of the congregation. One Sunday morning a man, formerly from the Eagle River Correctional Center, stood behind our pulpit and struggled to share, in a powerfully personal way, his spiritual journey. It was a journey "inward" to answer that primary question, "Am I loved?" His vulnerable probing of that question reflected what we were beginning to discover; our outward journey reflects our inward journey toward the healing Christ. This double journey, inward and outward, has been woven through the experience of our congregation this year.

A covenant group of 15 persons focused on the inward journey in the Miller/Larson study, "The Edge of Adventure," as did another group dealing with prayer. New worship experiences this year, an Ash Wednesday-like service with imposition of ashes and a Seder-like Maundy-Thursday service at the parsonage, have reflected something of this inner journey, as well as the two prayer vigils held at the church.

Relationships in the church and group dynamics have received much attention with the Jim Simpson workshops on conflict management and planning, increased opportunities for communication through weekly "Leaving Tracks" bulletin inserts, through a youth/parent communications retreat and a youth/parent retreat on human sexuality.

Other workshop experiences reflected energetic leadership of new members on an expanded administrative Board/Council on Ministries. There were two workshops dealing with death and dying--one focusing on grief ("Begin with Goodbye") and the other on stewardship planning ("Death: Your Personal Plan").

A youth ministry has blossomed this year, particularly at the Junior High level. The Senior Highs led our Christmas candlelight service. The Junior

Highs, in addition to several retreats and two slave auctions, have ministered to the church through the Easter Sunrise breakfast at Birchwood Camp, through an uplifting sacred dance, and through the planning and leading of the May 20 worship service. The 5th and 6th graders also shared in an Easter sacred dance. The music program has been particularly celebrative this year, with many people stepping forward to share their talents as pianists, organists, instrumentalists (flute, brass trio, viola and a Youth Band directed by Nat Brooks!) and vocalists. The choir has reached out to share with the inmates at the prisons in Eagle River and Ridgeview and also with the Chugiak Senior Center.

The early Easter service, held at Birchwood Camp, was a surprise. We expected 30-50 and had 90 attending. Attendance at church and church school continues to increase as has membership. Tuning into our own need for God's love is beginning to help us to respond to that need in others.

New ways of reaching out have also been happening. Our Advance Special project this year was the Galilee Fisheries Project in Burma. Two adult church school classes and the pastor's family shared in several worship experiences with Temple Beth Shalom.

The local unit of the United Methodist Women was disbanded after many meaningful years of existence. We are trying to understand what this means. Behind all the busy-ness has been this new sense of Christ calling us to journey--both inward and outward in the newness of His Presence.

DOUGLAS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DOUGLAS

Robert H. McNabb, Pastor

May 1978 marked the day of the Groundbreaking for the addition to the Douglas Church, and the remainder of the year saw a complete transformation from the little old white church on the corner to a greatly expanded natural brown church that dominates the main street of Douglas. For a long while it looked like an impossible job as a great "moat" was dug around three sides of the building, leaving only a back door as access to the building. But gradually, with the help of a great number of volunteers under the direction of a contractor, the building began to take shape and form.

A dramatic moment was when the steeple, long a landmark in Douglas, was lifted off and set on the ground. Some weeks later, after the base on the roof was moved and raised, the steeple was once more hoisted up to sit eleven feet higher than before.

The new portion of the building was all enclosed by the time bad weather came, and now the volunteers are working inside, insulating and getting ready for the finishing work. Three work teams will be coming to Douglas this summer and it is hoped that with their help the project will be finished by fall.

The cost-to-date is in the neighborhood of \$160,000, with only \$45,000 borrowed--one long term loan from the Mission Conference, and small long term loans with members of the congregation.

Through all the bad times of early construction, with rain coming in and cold winds blowing through, the congregation has been wonderful in attendance at worship and other meetings, turning out for volunteer labor, and radiating a grand spirit to newcomers and strangers. It has been a good year, as well as busy.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FAIRBANKS

Paul O. Jewell, Pastor

Perish the thought that this report reminds you of a "Christmas letter!"

JULY--Fairbanks celebrated its Silver Anniversary with gala festivities attended by numerous former members and former parsonage couples: Gene and Carolann Walters, Ed and Mabel Purviance (founding pastor) and Dave Fison. Superintendent Ed and Blythe Stanton joined the former pastors, lay leaders and lay members in "Burning the Mortgage." Five Lay Speakers continued monthly rotation of preaching, leading services at the Rescue Mission and giving personal affirmation.

AUGUST--We greeted "thousands" of tourists. Sixty of us enjoyed Family Camp and Dr. Ray Fedje's inspired preaching and Betty Fedje's song-leading. Chuck Young is obviously on board and ON TARGET in Campus Ministry at the University of Alaska.

SEPTEMBER--Time to plan "the Lord's work"....that portion He leaves for us. Planning Conference one Sunday afternoon and evening. Church School off to a great start and our new D.C.E. Reverend Betty Luginbill works "day and night!"

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER--"Auroras, Nuggets" (couples fellowship groups,) Jr. High U.M.Y., Sr. High U.M.Y., (two groups this year,) U.M.W., and U.M.M., Quilting group, Interpretative Dance Group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Webelos and I guess everything on earth, is active. Not the least of which was the Stewardship Crusade gang, for pledges went over \$80,000. Bless you, Jim Hissong, Chairperson. Some members began dreaming of heavenly music.... from a pipe organ, and the Board bought the dream...at least, a first note.

DECEMBER--"How sweet it is" to celebrate Christmas. Cold weather means nothing to Fairbanksans, nor does it deter the wondrous spirit of Christmas. Is there any place on earth more like Christmas was meant to be? Doug Lowery concludes four years of outstanding service as Administrative Board Chairman.

JANUARY--If you're ever in Fairbanks when Larry Bennett throws a

"Sweetheart Banquet," why don't you attend?! Ask the Stantons. I think they will recommend it. How about those New York steaks barbecued at 20 below...in a snow bank. Oh, yes, we had a Planning Conference with about 40 devoted members being disciples one Sunday afternoon and evening. That was neat!

FEBRUARY--MEN'S CLUB PLANS MOOSE HUNT! What could be more spiritual? Well, spirituality isn't everything in the Interior. Social Concerns Work Area begins a visitation ministry within the State Jail. HAPPY DAY! Senior High Camp is re-affirmed during the Anchorage con-fabs and Dan Amerson will meet with the Conference Youth Council to foster enthusiasm and formulate program. That's great. Birchwood, here we come! Jack Townshend convinced the National Division Executive Committee to grant us the "Wesley House" funds...about time; it's costing us \$450 per month!

MARCH--Betty Luginbill took several students to "Search for Ministry" Conference. Missions alerted, cajoled and conned (sorry, I meant convinced) us to give over \$1,700 to "One Great Hour of Sharing." "Budget crunch" appears on the horizon.

APRIL--Townshend was successful; National Division comes through; search for second parsonage for D.C.E.--Campus Minister is going strong. Holy Week happened again and somehow we are changed. WHEAT--World Hunger Education Action Together--commitment Sunday. Two hundred fifty-five souls in worship each Sunday this year.

MAY--Youth are like spring bees: pizza parties, kidnapping, studies of drugs, car washes for Church Camp funds, hearing Dr. Glenn Olds tell the Alaska Pacific story, ice cream social--Mother's Day, Senior Banquet, and at last it's summer! Lydia Hays tells it like it is on "Native Lands" issues. Budget reduced. Giving increases (we hope.)

JUNE--All Methodists go Church Camping (along with Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other assorted figments.) Off to Oregon-Idaho Conference!

GIRDWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GIRDWOOD

Donald L. Hartman, Pastor

The Girdwood United Methodist Church has had a good year, if not the best year in the history of the church. The membership doubled from nine to eighteen, attendance remained good throughout the ski season and in the off-season, and the church is strong financially. The Easter Sunrise Service offering of \$228 was designated for One Great Hour of Sharing. The giving of this offering to some Mission program began many years ago as an outreach of the Girdwood Church.

As of May 1, 1979, the Reverend Mr. David Fison replaced the Reverend

Mr. Donald Hartman as pastor.

With the support of the local congregation and the seasonal ski buffs from Anchorage, 1980 ought to be another good year for this congregation serving the Alyeska-Girdwood community.

HOMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOMER

Keith B. Wise, Pastor

HOMER CHURCH--A ground breaking service was a part of the worship experience on November 26, 1978. The construction of the new education addition began the next working day. The addition includes five classrooms, narthex, nursery, pastor's study and restrooms. The total cost of the construction is \$104,000 (\$32 per sq. ft.) Volunteer labor has been given to reduce the cost of the project. Volunteers have painted the exterior and interior walls, all of the electrical work, installation of acoustical ceiling, walks and final grade work. New carpet will be installed in the sanctuary as a separate project.

A new roof and insulation was installed on the parsonage by Homer and Ninilchik members.

A Vietnamese family of nine members arrived in Homer on April 3, 1979. They are sponsored by the Homer Church and assisted by the Roman Catholic Church and members of the community.

The United Methodist Women have been active with over 20 members attending each meeting. The UMW sponsored the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement study, led by Lydia Hays. Joe Aprill represented the church by attending the workcamp in the Bay Islands with A. Aamodt.

NINILCHIK CHURCH--This small church fellowship continues to have regular worship and church school classes. They have requested to have additional ministry for youth, home visitation and programming. New carpet has been purchased for the sanctuary. Members of the church have helped in the support of the Vietnamese family in Homer.

SELDOVIA--Visitation and phone calls have been continued this year with families in this fishing community.

NORTHERN LIGHT UNITED CHURCH JUNEAU

John R. Tindell, Pastor

Both Church School and Sunday Worship attendance has substantially increased this year.

The five-year Long Range Plan for Northern Light Church, as received at

the annual Congregation Meeting last year, has been more clearly defined by the Church Council during this calendar year. I am pleased that we have this direction-guide toward which to work in the next few years. Bylaw revisions have been made which directly relate to the accomplishing of these long-range goals.

The congregation has responded in an outstanding way to the support of the 1979 current expense and benevolent budget of the church. It is worth noting that while the overall budget increased about 10%, the benevolent portion of the budget increased by 27%. This is a good and healthy development, it seems to me. I am humbled at the generosity and sacrifice which is present in many families of this congregation.

The Worship Committee suggested to the Church Council that the Organist-Chancel Choir Director position be divided. This recommendation resulted in much time being given by many deeply interested people, in an attempt to develop a more excellent music ministry among us.

At a time of special need, Northern Light Church was able to help the Douglas United Methodist Church with a grant and loan to assist in the Douglas building project. In usual Northern Light style, generosity was gladly given to this sister church of ours.

We tried a new style of Sunday morning breakfast program this year. As with anything that is new, there have been mixed reactions, but generally I am pleased with what has been happening, especially the informal singing option for older and younger children.

Northern Light United Church is an exciting congregation. The diverse talents and interests represented in it are a tremendous challenge to me. I am profoundly appreciative of the many, many persons who share and love and contribute and help in our common ministry in Juneau and throughout the world.

CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT KENAI

Arthur P. Knight, Pastor

If the experience of the last year for the Church of the New Covenant had to be characterized in a brief phrase, that phrase would have to be something like "Recovery and Exploration."

By late 1978, the finances of the church were in a serious state of deficiency, and this was a reflection of a weakening of mission and direction which had come over us. By the end of the year, however, in a sort of "bootstrap" operation, we were able to clear the apportionments and pay off the building mortgage. New faces have brought new life and new resources; strength and direction are returning; a new optimism adds spirit and zest to direction.

It would be unfair and misleading to say the church had been on the verge of collapse, however. The Sunday School was strong and lively; it is now stronger and livelier. The women's groups have been joined by new members, and continue to exert a leadership they never lost. There were active and dedicated men in the congregation; we celebrate the fact that they have just formed a men's fellowship group to encourage and direct their contributions.

Mostly we celebrate, collectively and individually, that conglomeration of ministers which is the congregation. They continue to be active in the service of the entire community; and they are the ones whose recovered sense of mission and Spirit are breathing new life into this church.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH KETCHIKAN

Oliver E. Auchenpaugh, Pastor

On the 5th of November, in the middle of a driving rain, we arrived in Ketchikan and were greeted by a warm and loving congregation.

The outreach program of the congregation continues with the programs begun last year and continued this year with the same impetus. I was fortunate to come into a well defined and established program.

Sunday School is growing, attendance at worship is increasing, Koinonia group continues, Confirmation Class (Intergenerational) met for 13 weeks, fellowship times and recreational events for the congregation all add to the total life of the people.

Our facilities are used for many groups and activities: Headstart, Youth Hostel, Society of Friends, Boy Scout Troop no. 1, Community Chorus, Interdenominational Good Friday Service, plus many other groups that request to use it for one or two meetings. The congregation is engaged in ministry in the local area and around the world as are the other congregations of the church in Alaska.

This coming year holds great opportunities in the areas of Stewardship and Evangelism in addition to the ongoing programs of the congregation. We look forward to the time of being in ministry together.

MOOSE PASS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MOOSE PASS

Revelle Roach, Pastor

What a joy to preach to a full church! That's what's been happening these past months! We also boast a 100 per cent attendance for all activities and worship, of every member living in the community! Our Fellowship Nights overflow our space! That's good!!

In all areas of measure, Moose Pass shows strength and gains. Our attendance is well above past years. Finances are good and stewardship is sincere. Community witness is effective. Our church is a voice in community and service where we may be.

We celebrated our 25th Anniversary of Building in the spring. A very interesting service of "Remembering the Pastors" was enjoyed by all, with some real experiences for some. Our building and grounds are newly painted, remodeled, and the grounds are beautiful when flower beds are in full bloom. These are faithful people committed to the Church in Moose Pass! We believe that HERE is our only place for witness; NOW is the time it is needed most! We are trying to be faithful to our High Calling and Opportunity to Witness!

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOME

John J. Shaffer, Pastor

A spiritual highlight of the year focused on the dedication of the Adult Bible Class Room in memory of Arthur Nagozruk, Sr., a noted Eskimo educator and dedicated Christian layperson, who taught the Eskimo Language Bible class for several years.

Volunteers Jacqueline Rotteveel of Plainfield, New Jersey, Rebecca Dudley of Oak Park, Illinois, and Peter Simpson of Seattle, Washington, have graced our life in this past year, in addition to those mentioned last year. Thomas and Alice Henry of Penney Farms, Florida, spent a few days here during the summer in volunteer carpentry, finishing the balcony trim work. The Board of Discipleship provided Mrs. Perla Belo of Seattle to conduct leadership training and lead a music workshop in December, helping our Advent worship experience through improved choirs.

The congregation has been enriched by the preaching of the following persons: Lay Speakers Priscilla Ringenburg and John Waghiyi, Sr.; David Blackburn; Ac Wischmeier; Alice Green; the volunteer youth workers; Willis Jones of Hasting-on-Hudson, New York; Wm. Webb of the Nome Baptist Ministries; layman Mike Chmielewski; delegates to the Lay-Clergy Conference (Delores Orman, Loman and Enid Young, Barbara Shaffer; Lutheran Pastor Mark Houghlum; Alaska Pacific University President Dr. Glenn Olds; and former pastor Reeves Havens.

Summer programming related to 23 youth at Salmon Lake Bible Camp and the Daily Vacation Bible School involved 55 persons. As we finished five years here, we are moving from the priority of leadership development to evangelism. What form this will take is still under consideration. Without some new commitments to Jesus Christ and His Church, this ethnic minority local church has a shakey future.

Property matters concluded this year with the following results: K-D

Building was moved to the lot east of the church; the former Federated Church property, where the K-D Building was located, was traded with the Nome Community Center for the 5th Avenue House. (Note: trade was actually between the National and Women's Division.) That house has been leased to the Bering Sea Women's Group for a Women's Shelter and 60 clients have been helped from September, 1978, to April, 1979. The Nome Community Center has constructed a building on their property under the direction of volunteer Loman Young, with the help of the Northwest Community College and CETA and money from the sale of the hospital.

A personal highlight was the pastor's election as President of the Alaska Christian Conference for the years 1979-1980, at the Assembly in Juneau.

A unique experience centered on the local option election on the sale of intoxicating liquor in Nome, which went down to defeat on August 22, by a vote of 692 to 295. This focused attention upon the alcohol abuse problem in ways undreamed of in its beginnings. Ultimate judgment upon the wisdom of this course will be years in the making, but for the present I believe it was worth the effort, even though there is no real evidence of improvement.

This analysis of the immediate impact would be of historical value: a public admission that the alcohol abuse situation in Nome is a real problem by most of the principals involved; promises of a wide variety made in the heat of the battle by local decision-makers have resulted in these things: (1) new liquor ordinance for the City of Nome, (2) an Alcohol Advisory Board has been created, subject to the city council, (3) the Nome Bar Owners Association changed their name to the Nome Alcohol Beverage Control Commission, (4) the school district has adopted "Here's Looking at You" for all grades, a program of values clarification and decision making in the area of alcohol and drug usage, and (5) an emphasis by the Norton Sound Health Corporation on new approaches, centering on a study prepared by Dr. Dennis Kelso, which could have impact for several years, if funded and followed; and on the negative side, there remains some bitterness on the part of a few, motivated by the possible economic loss, the threat to personal freedom and the shock at having someone stand up and be counted on an issue.

While this was said clearly last year, for the record, we would repeat the feeling of appreciation for the mutual support that came from the Annual Conference, as well as friends within the Nome Community itself. To have survived within the local churches, speaks both of the quality of the people within the setting, as well as the style in which we have chosen to operate.

NORTH STAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NORTH KENAI

R. Melvin Vostry, Pastor

By June of 1979, North Star Church will have had a full-time minister (as

opposed to a Worker-Priest) for ten months. For me there has been a world of change. I've had to learn how to be a minister in some new ways. First, I had some problem in finding what to do with such a great amount of "spare" time. Part of the time, problem was solved as church members found that their minister was more accessible. The minister being available during the day helped bring parishioners and minister closer together.

Another growing pain that was evident was the fact that for the first time in years the church was having to deal with a full-time minister. The Worker-Priest situation at North Star was a blessing, but it was a blessing that had to be overcome. When the Worker-Priest ministry ended, the reality of what it cost to support a minister became painfully clear. The Worker-Priest, now turned minister, found that he was not only more available to the parishioners, but also more accountable to them. What looked like a transition from Worker-Priest to full-time minister has become more like a death and re-birth process.

Although some attempts to start a youth group have failed partly or in whole, there is still a hope that North Star can have a ministry to this age group.

Some on-going adult studies have been tried with some successes and some failures. Our Sunday School program is maintaining itself but making little in the way of advancement.

Some real hope comes to us as several new families have found a church home with us. Also encouraging is the possibility of having more participation from native Alaskans in the community.

At times, we at North Star grow weary with well-doing. We are suffering growth pains, but we are growing.

NEW HOPE METHODIST-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NORTH POLE

Claude Klaver, Pastor

New Hope Church has had a year of rewarding program activities and spiritual growth as we have really started to know who we are as a new congregation. We have not, however, grown in numbers during the year as we had hoped.

The lack of adequate building facilities has really put some boundaries on us and has cast a shadow over attitudes in all we've done. Much effort and countless hours of time have gone into acquiring our site for the future church building, planning for the building and preparing loan applications. Then when the loan application was rejected twice, it really put a spell of depression on all of us.

As this report is being written, we are considering the purchase of a surplus recreation building from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. If we are able to

get it, it will be functional to serve our needs quite adequately for the present. It is not, however, very attractive and cannot be depended upon as a permanent facility.

A volunteer parish worker, Mildred Stribling, will be joining us to share on the church staff for a year beginning this May. She will work especially to develop some music programs for the church and manage the secretarial and office responsibilities.

We are also organizing a "Burn Out Center" to help serve families who have suffered loss through home fires. This is a special problem for this community as we have a high incidence of home fires and usually they result in a total loss of the family's personal possessions.

The church is no longer renting the apartment for the pastor, but is giving him a housing allowance instead. He has chosen to use the housing allowance to purchase a home of his own. The pastor's and the church mailing address remain the same, Box 5614, North Pole, Alaska 99705. The phone number is 488-9191.

SEWARD MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEWARD

Revelle Roach, Pastor

This has been a good year for Seward! Among other things, we have managed to replace as many persons as moved away! In all areas we have shown some gain, a very positive purpose and spirit is evident. Attendance is well above last year, as is our Church School enrollment/attendance.

Our Pedersen Memorial Room is completed and dedicated. Plans are being made for celebration of Seward Methodism's 75th Anniversary. The day of Chartering was October 31, 1905. Ours has been a varied history of trial and accomplishment. Our financial and pension program are strong. Stewardship is exemplary, comparable to anywhere in Methodism! We believe Methodism in Seward is moving forward with considerable promise toward a community-wide based strength which has been lacking for some time.

Our outreach is in Senior Citizens Programs; Wesleyan Auxiliary-Hospital Auxiliary and other effective areas of service. We count it as a privilege to live and serve here in Seward.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SITKA SITKA

R. Dan Amerson, Pastor

The United Methodist Church of Sitka has had a year of ups and downs. The "downs" have centered primarily around the issue of the construction of

housing for the pastor and family. Unfortunate delays and the changes in personnel have created a situation that has not been consistent with the goal. Matter of fact, the local church is the only remaining originator of the project; there has been a new pastor, a new superintendent, and a new representative from the National Division. At times it is surprising to understand the healthy strength that remains alive in the congregation.

But before we become too negative, let us remember the "ups." The life of the congregation has been centered in discovering that we really are a "Community of Faith." The awareness that we are a community of faithful persons struggling with life, and how to be responsible to God's continual presence within our total existence, has created an exciting attitude of "being His church." Nowhere has this been more evident than in the area of our program ministries.

Although they are not in full strength, we are beginning to realize the fulfillment of life of our church during a weekly involvement. Specific programs that have contributed to this factor are: special studies, such as Lenten Contemporary Book Study; a film festival around the theme "Who Is This Man?", which used movies such as "Jesus Christ, Superstar," "Godspell," etc.; special workshop on specific topics/needs. As with other churches, we could go on and on, but rather than do this, let us just emphasize the growing positive attitude, the joy of our pilgrimage in faith.

It is the joy of this pilgrimage that allows us to truly enjoy our services of worship and celebration. It has allowed us the freedom to explore our faith and how we wish to "act it out" in worship. This has involved a lot of experiences and expressions that continue to surprise us. And it is God's surprises that keep us alive. So, thanks be to God for allowing us to be part of His Kingdom.

SOLDOTNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOLDOTNA

Dennis B. Holway, Pastor

When most Alaskans think of the Kenai Peninsula, they conjure images of moose, king salmon, and camping on the Homer Spit. However, for those of us who live on the Peninsula, we are involved in the same day-to-day challenges, joys and frustrations as you are. The seven United Methodist congregations on the Peninsula are actively involved in the mission of the Body of Christ.

In an effort to recognize our oneness in Christ, our Soldotna congregation has planned several co-operative programs with our neighboring Christ Lutheran Church. We shared a vacation church school and World Wide Communion with them. A three-week Lenten series was also carried out with our Lutheran as well as Catholic brethren.

We are experiencing steady growth in our church school from kindergarten through to our adult classes. In response to this continued growth, our Building Committee has met on a regular basis throughout the year. They have struggled to define the needs and desires of the congregation and to meet those expectations with a realistic proposal.

Our worship service has been enhanced in several ways. Our church choir has grown and enriched our experience. The minister is working with older children in developing an acolyte program to compliment the worship setting. During the past year each of our six lay speakers has had an opportunity to share in several aspects of the morning worship service.

This June we will complete our second year of being a self-supportive congregation. We have maintained a strong financial stance and look forward to expanding our local ministry. Unfortunately we are somewhat behind on our pension pledge and hope to find ways of meeting our pledge commitment.

During this past year, family ministry has been a focal point of our church discussion and dreaming. We hope to be able to implement some of the many construction ideas that have been suggested. In the process, we anticipate the strengths of our church family to be further enhanced. We solicit your continued prayers for our church and the total work of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

VI. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

A. COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Barbara Shaffer, President

REPORT

1. Approved the preliminary plan for 1980 major funds drive for Church Extension and asked the Crusade Committee to present an administrative plan to the Council and to the 1980 Annual Conference.
2. Defined Fund 1100, Church Extension Capital Fund, to be used for grants and loans to local churches in the AMC, to be administered by the Conference Superintendent with the concurrence of the President of the Board of Trustees and the Council on Ministries Chairperson of Global Ministries.
3. Approved a revised chart of accounts for the conference.
4. Requested the Board of Pensions to seek ways to improve the disability benefits available to the ministers, possibly by increasing the official average

salary.

5. Established an Investment Advisory Committee to work with the Superintendent in developing a policy statement on investments.
6. Purchased a detailed legal opinion regarding taxation of church-owned property prepared for the Nome church and made it available to all the churches in the Conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the 1978 concluding statistics be used to produce the 1980 Grade Point Figures.
2. That all request for funds from the conference budget shall be submitted to the Council at its spring meeting.
3. That the Superintendent's salary be determined at the rate of 150% of the base salary for non-self-supportive churches, plus the appropriate amount for years of service and all benefits provided pastors.
4. That the total amount for salary subsidy be set at \$56,404 for 1980.
5. That the total budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference for 1980 be \$179,509, including \$119,009 from the Alaska Missionary Conference, \$60,000 from the National Division, and \$500 from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
6. That the Grade Point Figure for the local churches be derived as follows:

The Grade Point Figure equals the average of the Membership Grade Figure and the Local Expense Grade Figure.

The Membership Grade Figure equals total church membership divided by total Alaska Missionary Conference membership at the end of the calendar year.

Local Expense Grade Figure equals individual church expenditure divided by total expenditure of all Alaska Missionary Conference churches of the last calendar year. Local expenses shall include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvements and benevolences,) church school administration, materials and supplies, and local paid portions of the pastor's salary and travel expenses.

Each local church has the right to appeal to the Council on Finance and Administration concerning the amounts assessed if there are unusual circumstances which should be considered, provided this appeal be made prior to the spring meeting of the Council before the Grade Point Figures are published.

7. That the apportionments set by the General Council on Finance Administration be accepted for our Conference for the 1980 calendar year.

8. That all cash balances in the expenditure divisions of the Conference budget revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, except funds received for Christian Education Offerings, from Audio-Visual Library fees, from CCYM and for Ministerial Education Fund, as well as funds designated for Native Ministries, which may be held over to the next year.

9. That all churches participate in the Advance Special Giving, including the Missional Priorities: Hunger and Ethnic Minority Local Churches.

10. That the churches give vigorous support to all United Methodist institutions in Alaska, and that an annual "United Methodist Institutions Sunday" be observed, the date being recommended by the Council on Ministries.

11. That we draw attention of all the churches to the policy of the National Division that all churches receiving funds to supplement the amount paid by the church for the pastor's salary shall conduct an Annual Every Member Visitation.

12. Recognizing that the changing priorities of the National Division require the acceptance of increasing financial responsibilities on the part of Alaska churches, we urge the aggressive development of increased local financial support.

13. That the AMC be aware of the conference rule B-6, section 4, which states, "All requests for mission apportionments upon the charges or the pastors for conference-wide appeals for financial support for special causes shall first have to be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration."

14. That all agencies receiving funds from apportionments shall submit audits annually to the Council before its spring meeting (as provided in the DISCIPLINE.)

B. BALANCE SHEET, 1978 ACCOUNTS

Account		12/31/77 Balance	Receipts and/or Budgeted	*Disburse- ments (actual)	12/31/78 Balance
101	Office	0	11061.00	11061.00	0
101A	Office Salaries Part Time	0	500.00	0	0
102	Payroll Taxes	0	3433.09	3147.31	385.78
106	Workmen's Comp	0	4252.29	4248.70	0
200	Office Equipment	0	500.00	598.79	0
201	Legal & Accounting	0	4000.00	3369.00	0
202	Office Operating Exp.	0	6096.69	5721.60	0
204	Rent	0	6330.50	6540.00	0
205	Display Advertising	293.33	3605.35	3745.39	153.29
301	Supt. Salary	0	17000.00	17000.00	0
302A	Supt. Travel-Car	0	1100.00	1100.00	0
302B	Supt. Travel	0	6843.45	7032.13	0
302C	Supt. Social Security	0	717.00	717.00	0
303	Supt. Entertainment	0	650.00	391.42	258.58
304	Supt. Utilities	0	1396.00	1493.59	0
305	Supt. Hospitalization	0	600.00	600.00	0
306	Supt. Pension Fund	0	568.00	568.00	0
307	Mission House Refurbishing	6141.71	0	2532.95	3608.76
501	Mission Vehicle	0	1779.00	1206.33	572.67
600	Nome Special Fund	4734.89	0	0	4734.89
601	Minority Children	2121.11	2318.26	2000.00	2439.37
602	Nome Eskimo Youth Worker	1500.00	4500.00	330.13	5669.87
700	Pastor Salary Sharing	0	12961.20	0	12961.20
701	Home Mission. Revol.	1194.98	29939.58	32122.93	(988.37)
708	Homer	0	7815.00	7815.00	0
713	Nome	0	13078.00	11905.01	1172.99
714	Seward	0	8385.00	8385.00	0
717	United Campus Minis.	0	6225.00	6249.96	(24.96)
720	Sitka	0	2947.76	2216.14	731.62
721	Salary-Native Ministry	0	8163.00	0	8163.00

722	Co-ordinator, Council on Ministries	2154.45	3000.00	3250.00	1904.45
800	Moving Funds	0	7192.18	26749.25	(19557.07)
802	Annual Meeting	0	8693.39	6693.92	1999.47
805	Palmer-Airline Acct.	332.95	0	0	332.95
806	Birchwood Camp	0	1000.00	1000.00	0
808	Undesignated	0	8.14	8.14	0
1100	Church Extension Loan Fund	0	25000.00	25000.00	0
1101	Church Extension Revolving	1980.85	1915.78	2010.73	1885.90
1203	Kenai Church Project	1515.47	0	0	1515.47
1208	Soldotna Ch. Proj.	2150.22	0	0	2150.22
1215	Sitka Ch. Proj.	1170.00	607.55	1777.55	0
1216	Seldovia Ch. Proj.	48.51	0	0	48.51
1218	Hope Ch. Proj.	388.93	149.80	76.90	461.83
1230	Bayshore West	554.75	108468.05	108612.84	409.96
1240	Homer Project	0	275.00	0	275.00
1304	N. Kenai Parsonage	340.00	0	0	340.00
1308	Wesley House	(1224.64)	0	0	(1224.64)
1320	Duplex, Anchorage	5143.28	5354.97	10150.69	347.56
1320A	Duplex, Anchorage	0	500.00	500.00	0
1525	Moose Pass	7084.20	518.44	0	7602.64
2000	Ministerial Support	0	30276.85	31628.00	(1351.15)
2012	Pension & Death Ben.	575.00	9310.86	8072.00	1813.86
2020	Stewardship Crusade	6323.07	88850.57	64164.48	31009.16
3020	Connectional Admin.	0	13671.36	20310.00	(6638.64)
3030	Ministerial Education	425.82	1205.50	124.25	1507.07
3035	Diaconal Ministry	0	500.00	191.12	0
4030	World Service	0	21689.04	28734.00	(7044.96)
4032	Gen. Advance Spec.	0	3291.48	3291.48	0
4033	One Great Hour Shar.	0	6912.08	6912.08	0
4034	World Communion	0	1051.90	1051.90	0
4036	Meth. Student Day	0	174.06	174.06	0
4038	Human Relations	0	554.16	554.16	0
4039	Alaska Methodist U.	0	340.00	340.00	0
4041	Fund for Reconcil.	396.66	0	396.66	0
4044	Christian Educ. Sun.	686.13	320.11	37.99	968.25

4047	Jesse Lee Home	0	1602.35	1602.35	0
4048	Conf. Adv. Specials	0	786.20	742.30	43.90
4049	AK Native Ministries	14496.90	4812.00	1160.73	18148.17
4050	Pipeline Ministry	1895.93	245.00	0	2140.93
4070	World Hunger	0	2387.55	2387.55	0
4080	Ethnic Minority Local	0	1717.97	1321.31	396.66
5001	Christian Social Responsibility	0	1533.75	1398.76	0
5021	Camping Nome	0	125.00	0	0
5021B	Camping S.E.	0	400.00	400.00	0
5021C	Camping Birchwood	0	1300.00	1300.00	0
5022	University Commun. Ministry, Anchorage	0	5050.00	5050.00	0
5023	Audio-Visual Library	178.84	793.00	34.16	937.68
5024	Leadership Education	0	100.00	0	0
5026	Christ. Nurture Adm.	0	0	0	0
5027	Family Life	0	300.00	0	0
5030	Lay Activities	0	4726.65	2606.95	0
5041	Ecumenical Affairs	0	1420.00	690.00	730.00
5042	Missions	0	429.83	453.62	0
5043	Evangelism	0	221.00	150.00	0
5050	Pastor's School	0	3325.00	3175.76	0
5060	Council on Ministries Travel	0	2621.66	1954.53	0
5060B	Council on Ministries The Bridge, Missioner	0	1300.00	758.55	0
5060C	Council on Ministries Co-ordinator	0	657.49	193.94	0
5065	Historical Society	0	100.00	0	0
5070*	Contingency Fund	16789.39	1576.68	21.76	18344.31
5080	Coun. on Finance & Administration	0	900.00	930.00	0
5090	Miscellaneous	6717.72	6807.72	6797.72	0
5101	Service Man's Fund	1060.00	0	0	1060.00
5103	Unit. Meth. Youth Ministries (offering)	393.16	0	0	393.16
5103A	UMY Ministries	0	1213.86	1046.71	167.15
5103B	UMY Min. SE Convo.	0	500.00	500.00	0
5103C	UMY Min. SC Convo.	0	100.00	0	100.00
5104	Special Projects	397.52	0	0	397.52
5200	Benevolence Reserve	8435.34	8108.79	5287.79	11257.13
5716	Hospital Insurance	211.06	17065.83	17569.87	(292.98)
5717	Property Insurance	12899.03	16789.28	12018.45	17678.86

Note: Disbursements do not include the unspent amounts in most budget accounts reverting to the Benevolent Reserve Account on 12/31/78.

* Includes Designated Funds

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										CHURCH SCHOOL					U.M.M.		U.M.W.		PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS												
Total Members reported at close of last year	Received on Confession of Faith or Restored	Received from Other U.M Churches	Received from Other Denominations	Removed by Charge Conf. action or withdrawn	Removed by Transfer to Other U.M Churches	Removed by Transfer to Other Denominations	Removed by death	Total members at close of this year	Avg. attend. principal weekly worship service	No. baptized this year	Preparatory Members now on Roll (all baptized children under 16)	Number of Persons on Constituency Roll	Total enrolled in confirmation classes	Number of Leaders	Children in all classes & groups (B-6th grade)	Youth (7th thru h.s.) All Classes & Groups	Adults (post high school) All Classes & Groups	Total church school membership	Avg. Attendance Sunday Church School (all ages)	Avg. attendance on-going classes & groups	Avg. attend. short-term classes & groups	Members joining on Conf. of faith	Membership in Chartered UMM	Amount Paid for Projects	Membership in UMW	Amount Paid for Local Church and Community Work	Value of church land, buildings & equip.	Value of church-owned parsonages & furniture	Value of other assets (cash, securities, other property, etc.)	Indebtedness on land, buildings, equip., furn., and other assets	Other indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)

* Half reported--United Methodist and United Presbyterian Churches

Table 2

		LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES						MINISTERIAL SUPPORT													
						U.M.W.		LOCAL CHURCH										OTHER THAN LOCAL CHURCH			
								Pastor's Salary		Associate's Salary		Utilities and Other Cash Allowances Paid			Travel Allowance Paid						

Table 3

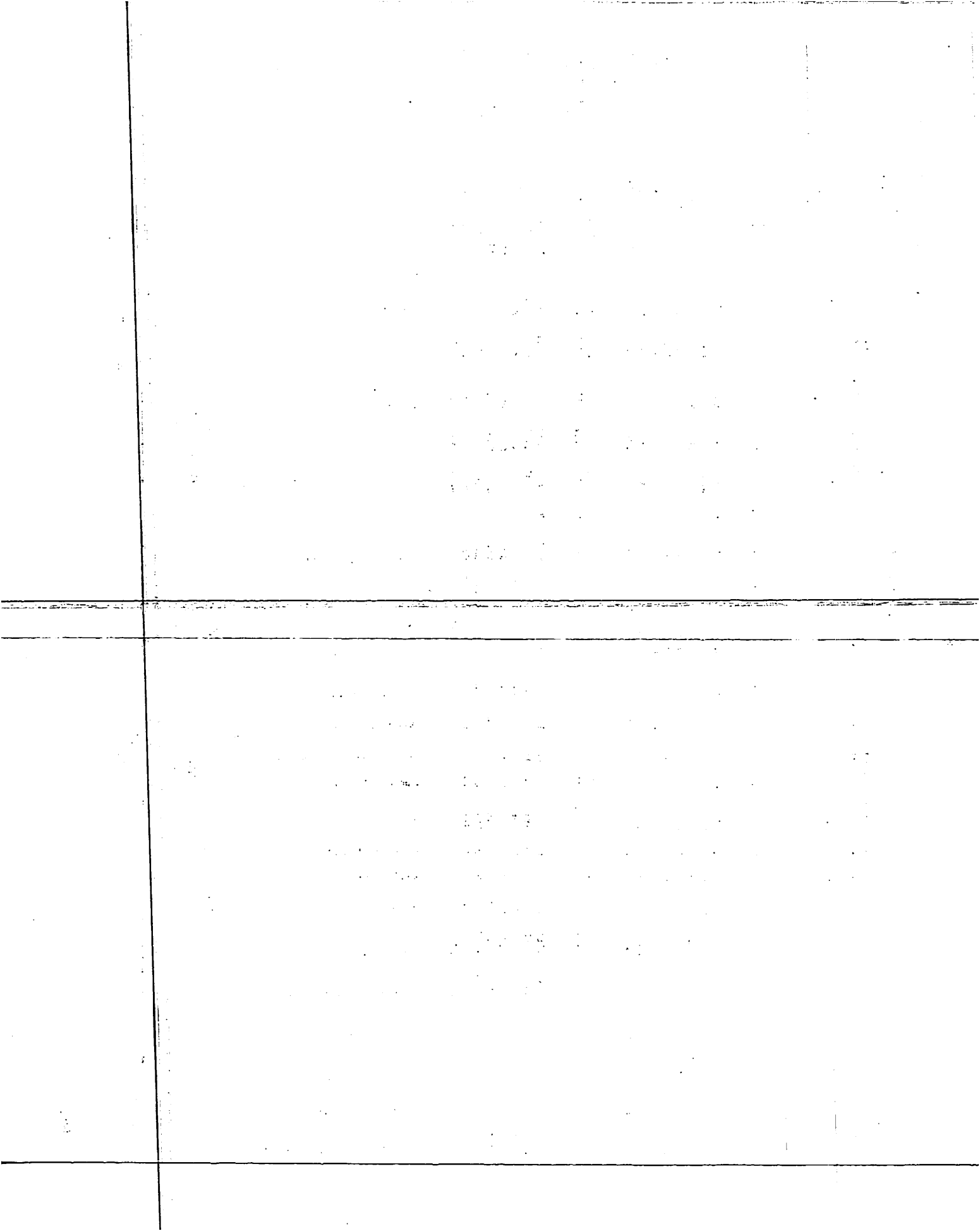
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ADMIN. FUNDS

BENEVOLENCES

World Service
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		Apportioned	Paid	Accepted	Apportioned	Paid	Black College Fund	Missional Priorities Fund	Total	Youth Service Fund	One Great Hour of Sharing	World Communion	United Methodist Student Day	Human Relations Day	Total	Christian Education Sunday	Golden Cross Sunday	Total	Pension Crusade	Conference Advance Specials	Higher Education	Mission Sharing	All other benevolences	GRAND TOTAL	PAID
Anchorage Area:																									
Anchor Park	LeRoy Davis	1071	1071	1534	1534	1534	0	0	779	779	0	1817	267	0	89	2173	0	0	0	10989	0	0	1664	690	63943
Chugiak	Gregory Eicher	392	392	560	560	560	0	93	477	477	0	52	0	32	61	145	17	0	17	1857	0	25	120	0	33264
East Anchorage	Roger Robison	1103	1103	1573	1573	1573	0	172	549	549	0	277	50	0	39	366	0	0	0	5888	1075	0	848	15	73437
First Anchorage	James Buffington	1739	1739	2478	2478	2478	0	215	250	250	0	0	128	0	185	313	41	0	41	11603	750	0	1985	28	114383
Girdwood	Donald Hartman	43	43	60	60	60	0	105	0	0	0	144	0	0	0	144	0	0	0	885	0	0	0	0	3165
*Jewel Lake	Donald Hartman	296	296	421	421	421	0	13	1000	1000	0	243	100	0	0	343	0	0	0	5284	172	0	167	0	25881
St. John	David Fison	749	749	1068	1068	1068	0	293	162	162	0	142	91	141	74	448	82	0	82	5628	1061	0	120	54	61944
Turnagain	William Trudeau	1036	1036	1477	1477	1477	0	249	379	379	0	100	52	88	0	240	0	0	0	7727	1811	0	2328	0	59025
Fairbanks Area:																									
First Fairbanks	Paul Jewell	2121	2121	3024	3024	3024	500	500	1091	1091	0	2207	180	0	180	2567	281	0	281	5761	10567	0	2622	0	136355
*New Hope	Claude Klaver	0	0	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0	0	61	70	0	49	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19261
Kenai Peninsula																									
Homer	Keith Wise	303	303	431	431	431	0	61	103	103	0	382	40	0	0	422	33	0	33	2401	0	0	0	0	35054
Ninilchik	Keith Wise	138	138	196	196	196	0	46	0	0	0	23	16	0	0	39	35	0	35	1373	0	0	0	0	7891
Seldovia	Keith Wise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenai	Arthur Knight	713	713	1015	1015	1015	0	50	0	0	0	60	84	0	0	144	0	0	0	2695	0	0	561	0	35995
North Star	R. Melvin Vostry	148	148	210	210	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	0	0	0	0	9328
Soldotna	Dennis Holway	447	447	636	636	636	0	0	0	0	0	110	81	0	0	191	0	0	0	3786	0	0	120	878	32224
Seward	Revelle Roach	381	403	541	541	528	0	234	0	0	0	31	47	0	0	78	0	0	0	1513	0	0	0	0	22947
Moose Pass	Revelle Roach	62	62	89	89	89	0	20	0	0	0	12	10	0	0	22	0	0	0	820	0	0	0	43	2897
Nome Area:																									
Nome Community	John Shaffer	665	665	949	949	949	20	150	95	95	0	88	20	0	50	158	20	0	20	4499	40	0	0	103	35116
Southeast:																									
Douglas	Robert McNabb	522	521	743	743	787	0	101	187	187	0	143	65	84	71	363	0	0	0	2125	83	0	296	0	31016
*Juneau-Northern Light	John Tindell	851	851	1214	1214	1214	0	570	133	133	0	727	10	0	0	737	0	0	0	6000	0	0	0	972	47240
Ketchikan	Oliver Auchenpaugh	1106	1106	1577	1577	1577	0	2	0	0	0	34	33	3	36	106	0	0	0	4653	0	0	1416	1290	55706
Sitka	Dan Amerson	326	326	462	462	462	0	0	0	0	21	162	0	0	0	162	62	0	62	1767	0	0	0	43	25747
Total		14212	14233	20258	20258	21289	520	2874	5205	5205	21	6815	1344	348	834	9341	571	0	571	87414	15597	25	12247	4116	931819
Total Last Year		13484	13484	17671	17671	17671	0	6434	6955	6955	0	7240	1347	710	448	9745	239	61	300	22462	2823	2975	7400	1265	741516
Increase		728	749	2587	2587	3618	520				21				386		332	271	64952	12774		4847	2851	190303	
Decrease								3560	1750	1750		425	3	362		404	61				2950				

*Half reported--United Methodist and United Presbyterian Churches



D. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT PAID TO PASTORS

Including Base Salary, Area Cost of Living Factor (6% Kenai Peninsula, 26% Nome), Experience Factor (\$100 per year of service up to 20 years), one-half of Social Security costs (\$810) and other cash benefits as of 1/1/79.

Name and Appointment:	Cash Salary (* = Base)	Travel	½HMEP Ins. Pd. by Church	Total Paid
Amerson, D. Sitka	\$12,700*	\$1,600	\$520	\$14,830
Atwood, J. Anchorage, St. John	15,010	2,200	720	17,930
Auchenpaugh, O. Ketchikan	16,310	1,500	720	18,530
Buffington, J. Anchorage: First	16,952	2,700	720	20,372
Davis, L. Anchorage: Anchor Park	16,310	2,000	720	19,030
Eicher, G. Chugiak	12,910	2,200	720	15,830
Hartman, D. Anch: Jewel Lake & Girdwood	16,017	3,600	720	20,337
Holway, D. Soldotna	13,782	1,903	720	16,405
Jewell, P. Fairbanks	20,480	2,100	1,218	23,798
Klaver, C. North Pole	16,225	1,800	----	18,025
Knight, A. Kenai	13,182*	1,900	720	15,802
Luginbill, B. Fairbanks Associate	13,600	2,100	----	15,700
McNabb, R. Douglas	14,010*	1,600	----	15,610
Roach, R. Seward & Moose Pass	14,682*	2,820	508	18,010
Robison, R. Anchorage: East Anchorage	16,800	2,100	800	19,700
Shaffer, J. Nome Community	16,712*	2,820	212	19,743
Stanton, E. Superintendent	19,610	1,100	720	21,430
Tindell, J. Juneau	19,500	1,800	----	21,300

Trudeau, W.	15,350	2,800	720	18,870
Anchorage: Turnagain				
Vostry, M.	12,882*	2,412	212	15,506
North Kenai				
Wise, K.	14,282*	3,100	720	18,102
Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia				

E. CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES BUDGET, 1980

I. Expenditures	1979 Budget Revised	1980 Budget
A. DISCIPLESHIP		
1. Administration		50.00
2. Education	100.00	100.00
3. Youth Ministries		
a. Conf. Council	1300.00	1000.00
b. SE Convocation	500.00	500.00
4. Camping		
a. Outdoor Ministry		500.00
b. Nome	125.00	160.00
c. Southeast	400.00	100.00
d. Birchwood	1300.00	1625.00
5. Audio-Visual Library	500.00	350.00
6. Christian Education	60.00	60.00
7. Pastor/Spouse Retreat	2500.00	2500.00
8. Historical Society	250.00	100.00
Total	7035.00	7045.00
B. CHURCH AND SOCIETY		
1. Emerging Social Issues		
Family Ministry	200.00	200.00
2. Native Land Issues	200.00	200.00
3. Status and Role		
of Women	500.00	500.00
4. Hunger	200.00	200.00
5. Religion & Race	300.00	500.00
6. Legislative Action	100.00	100.00
7. Administration	100.00	100.00
Total	1600.00	1800.00
C. GLOBAL MINISTRIES		
1. Mission		
a. Administration	50.00	75.00

b. Global Ministry	50.00	50.00
Material		
c. School of Missions	550.00	550.00
& Juris. School		
2. Evangelism		
a. Admin. & Mater.	275.00	150.00
b. Conf. Evan. Prog.	600.00	
Leadership Training		1000.00
Brochure		750.00
3. Ecumenical Affairs		
a. AK Christian Conf.	690.00	720.00
b. Travel to Biennial	0	0
Conference		
4. Administration	0	100.00
5. Ch. Exten. Task Force	0	200.00
Total	2215.00	3595.00
D. LAY ACTIVITIES & TEMPORAL ECONOMY		
1. Administration	25.00	25.00
2. Equitable Sal. Comm.	500.00	300.00
3. Lay Speaker Training		
Lay/Clergy Conf.		
Leadership Devel.	3000.00	2700.00
4. Lay Leader Nat. Conf.	0	300.00
5. Leadership Devel.		
Administration	100.00	100.00
Lay Dev. (Training)	400.00	500.00
Total	4025.00	3925.00
E. COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES		
1. Travel	2700.00	2700.00
2. Missioner	1325.00	1400.00
3. Coordinator		
a. Salary & Benefits	3000.00	3615.00
b. Communication	200.00	200.00
c. Materials	150.00	150.00
d. Travel	300.00	300.00
Total	7675.00	8365.00
F. CONTINGENCY	200.00	200.00

Recapitulation:

Discipleship	\$7035.00	\$7045.00
Church & Society	1600.00	1800.00
Global Ministries	2215.00	3595.00
Lay Activities & Temporal Economy	4025.00	3925.00
Council on Ministries	7675.00	8365.00
Contingency	200.00	200.00
Total	\$22750.00	\$24930.00

F. ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE BUDGET, 1980

	Budget 1978	Actual 1978	Budget 1979	Budget 1980
I. Expenditures				
A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT				
1. Episcopal Fund	719	719	719	719
2. Pension & Death Bene.	8072	8072	8072	10000
3. Supt. Fund	26435	28902(a)	28328	28875
4. Ministerial Support	45969	35,926	47448	56404
				(-5000) (d)
	81,195	73,619	84567	90,988
B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION				
1. Temp. Gen. Aid	250	250	250	250
2. Gen. Adm. of UMC	213	213	213	213
3. Interdenom. Coop.	148	148	148	148
4. Jurisdictional Admin.	117	117	117	117
5. Ministerial Ed. Fund	1807	1807	1807	1807
6. Black College Fund	887	887	887	887
7. Mass Comm. Fund	89	89	89	89
8. Missional Prior.	610	610	610	610
9. Conf. Office Expense	23900	28349(b)	24900	29264
10. Annual Meeting	7500	6683(c)	7500	7500
11. Mission Cars	1500	1206	1500	2700
	37,021	40359	38,021	43,585
C. WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES				
1. World Service	3693	3693	3693	3693
2. Youth Service Fund			300	(e)
3. Conference Benevolences				
a. Council on Ministries	20670	17969	22750	24930
b. Board of Ord. Min.	603	124	603	603
c. Diaconal Min.	500	191	500	500
d. Native Min. Office	3087	999	3087	1200
e. Campus Ministries	0	0	11600	12600 (f)
f. CF&A	900	931	900	900
g. Contingency	500	22	500	500
	29,953	23,929	43,933	44,926
Totals	148,169	137,907	166,521	179,509
	87		(+12.4%)	(+9%)

II. Sources of Income

A. NATIONAL DIVISION	70,000	55000	60000
B. BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION	500	500	500
C. ALASKA SOURCES			
1. Apportionments	66000	80621	89209
2. Christian Ed. Offering	435	250	250
3. AV Library Fees	250	250	250
4. Mission Sharing Fund	12000	23000	28000
5. Special Gifts	1600	1300	1300
6. CCYM	0	600	0
7. Increase in Support from Non-Self-Support Churches		5000	
Totals	150,785	166,521	179,509

- (a) Supt. Fund--Received \$2,343.45 reimbursements for travel; \$96.00 toward utilities
 (b) Conf. Office Exp.--Received \$2,547.09 (Pres. tele. and misc.) \$2,480.50 Pres. rent
 (c) Annual Meeting--1978 Journal cost not paid until 1979
 (d) Projected reduction of need for subsidies
 (e) Now in CCOM
 (f) Fairbanks \$9,000; Anchorage \$3,600



*G. CONFERENCE AND
DENOMINATIONAL APPORTIONMENTS, 1980*

	Grade Point	Minis. Supprt.	Conn. Admin.	Wrld. Serv. Conf. Ben.	TOTAL APPMNT.
Anchor Park	6.53	2953	1414	1458	5825
Bayshore	0	0	0	0	0
East. Anch.	7.06	3193	1529	1576	6298
First Anch.	12.20	5517	2642	2724	10883
Jewel Lake	2.40	1085	520	536	2141
St. John	6.81	3080	1475	1520	6075
Turnagain	6.29	2845	1362	1404	5611
Chugiak	3.93	1777	851	878	3506
Douglas	3.38	1529	732	754	3015
Fairbanks	14.70	6648	3184	3282	13114
Girdwood	.42	190	91	94	375
Homer	2.28	1031	494	509	2034
Ninilchik	.91	412	197	203	812
Juneau NL	5.19	2347	1124	1159	4630
Kenai	4.09	1850	886	913	3649
Ketchikan	7.38	3337	1599	1648	6584
Nome	4.44	2008	962	991	3961
N. Kenai	1.19	538	258	266	1062
North Pole	1.85	836	401	413	1650
Seward	2.20	995	477	491	1963
Moose Pass	.36	163	78	80	321
Sitka	2.95	1334	639	659	2632
Soldotna	3.44	1555	745	768	3068
Totals	100.00	45223	21660	22326	89209

H. MISSION SHARING FUND APPORTIONMENTS, 1980

The Conference allocated \$28,000.00 for the Mission Sharing Fund for 1980 to be prorated to the self-supporting churches as follows: \$14,000.00 to be prorated on the basis of the grade point figure; \$14,000.00 to be prorated among the churches on the basis of the salary paid the pastor in 1979 above the cash salary paid pastors in non-self-supporting churches, including base salary, geographic area adjustment, years of service and social security.

	Grade Point	Percent- age	Shared	Sal. Pd. over base in 1979	Percent- age	Shared	TOTAL SHARED	TOTAL OF ALL APPMNT
Anchor Park	6.53	7.56	1058	3700	12.25	1715	2773	8598
Bayshore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Anch.	7.06	8.17	1144	2800	9.27	1298	2442	8740
First Anch.	12.20	14.12	1976	4150	13.74	1924	3900	14783
Jewel Lake	2.40	2.77	389	1303	4.31	603	992	3133
St. John	6.81	7.87	1102	1000	3.31	463	1565	7640
Turnagain	6.29	7.28	1019	3000	9.93	1390	2409	8020
Chugiak	3.93	4.55	636	600	1.99	279	915	4421
Douglas	3.38	3.90	547	0	0	0	547	3562
Fairbanks	14.70	17.01	2381	6716	22.24	3114	5495	18609
Girdwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	375
Homer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2034
Ninilchik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	812
Juneau NL	5.19	6.01	841	2159	7.15	1001	1842	6472
Kenai	4.09	4.73	663	0	0	0	663	4312
Ketchikan	7.38	8.53	1195	4000	13.25	1855	3050	9634
Nome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3961
N. Kenai	1.19	1.38	193	0	0	0	193	1255
North Pole	1.85	2.14	299	772	2.56	358	657	2307
Seward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1963
Moose Pass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	321
Sitka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2632
Soldotna	3.44	3.98	557	0	0	0	557	3625
Totals	86.44	100.00	14,000	30,200	100.00	14,000	28,000	117,209

I. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT SUBSIDY FOR 1980

	Base Salary	Area Adjust. (a)	Experience 100/yr.	Social Security (b)	Cash Salary	Health Insur. (c)	Workmen's Comp.-.0072	Travel(d)	Total	Local Churches (e)	AMC/ Nat. Div.
Bayshore	12,000	0	900	900	13,800	759	99	2000	16,658	2800(g)	13,858
Homer/ Ninilchik	12,000	1200	1700	900	15,800	759	114	3000	19,673	10,461	9,212
Nome	12,000	3600	1900	900	18,400	226	132	1600	20,358	4844	15,514
North Pole	12,000	0	2500	900	15,400	759	111	2000	18,270	14,270(h)	4000
Seward/ Moose Pass	12,000	1200	2500	900	16,600	436	120	2820	19,976	10,126	9850
Sitka	12,000	0	700	900	13,600	759	98	1600	16,057	12,087	3970
Totals	72,000	6000	10,200	5400	93,600	3698	674	13,020	110,992	54,588	56,404
Supt.	18,000	0	2500	900	21,400	759	156	4500 1400Util 660Ent. (f)	28,875	0	28,875

a. Area Adjustments: 10% Kenai Peninsula, 30% Nome

b. Social Security for 1980--8.1% on 25,900=2097.90

c. Health Insurance--rates effective 7/1/79

d. Travel--1979 amount

e. Local church--1979 amount plus health insurance and workmen's comp.

f. Supt. car allowance in under Mission Cars

g. Bayshore--total contribution of 9600, including housing package; 5200 anticipated from church extension advance specials

h. North Pole--includes funds from other local churches in AMC

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

A. Hunger Task Force

1. Regular mailings from the task force to each local church hunger coordinator.

2. We urge each local church to form small groups to use the book, *LIFE-STYLE ASSESSMENT*, a good exercise in values clarification.

3. We urge each local church to observe a "Remembrance of World Hunger" on Thanksgiving Sunday.

4. We urge a continued emphasis on study of subsistence needs, the resolution of opposing views that may lead to violent confrontation.

5. Resolutions:

a. WHALING RESOLUTION

Whereas: whaling is a natural part of Eskimo culture and particularly of their celebrations and traditions,

Whereas: whale is the natural food of the Eskimo and when it is maintained in the natural deep freeze of nature, serves as a guard against starvation (as in the case of national disaster or an international crisis when the remoteness of the Eskimo would make it impossible to get food to their location,)

Whereas: more whales would greatly enhance the diet of the Eskimo, who have lived on whale since childhood and consider it the best eating,

Whereas: the high carbohydrate food of the West is not as available, very expensive, and not as concentrated in needed nutrients,

Whereas: whale is highly nutritious and economical to secure,

Whereas: welfare seems to be the main alternative to subsistence hunting,

Whereas: the whale serves as a source of artistic expression and is necessary in maintaining cultural identity,

Whereas: the preservation of cultural and traditional rights of a people are in keeping with Christian living and theology,

Be it resolved that the AMC support the recommendations of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission in reference to the subsistence harvesting of bow-head whales.

b. ENERGY CONSERVATION RESOLUTION

Whereas: the high consumption of energy by affluent peoples is a factor in many social and economic problems harmful to the world's poor people, and

Whereas: we in the United States lead the world in per capita consumption of energy, and

Whereas: many public appeals have received widespread approval but inadequate effective support,

Therefore, the Alaska Missionary Conference invites individuals and congregations to support the Interfaith Coalition on Energy by entering into the Energy Conservation Campaign, and with individual commitments to the Covenant to Conserve Energy.

c. NESTLE PRODUCTS RESOLUTION

Whereas: infants in the Third World suffer weight loss, weakness and disease due to the misuse of infant formula, and

Whereas: the sales promotion of infant formulas encourage mothers to stop breast feeding and spend much-needed money for the formula, and

Whereas: the promotion exploits the ignorance or illiteracy of mothers and encourages the use of the product under adverse circumstances, and

Whereas: protests to some manufacturers have brought constructive changes, but only "cosmetic" changes on the part of the Nestle Corporation, and

Whereas: this Swiss-based corporation persists in practices that place profits ahead of human lives,

Therefore, The Alaska Missionary Conference joins the many religious communities, such as National Council of Churches; Presbyterian Church of the U.S.; Clergy and Laity Concerned; Church Women United (Southern California and Southern Nevada); American Lutheran Church, S.E. Minnesota District; the United Methodist Church (5 conferences: Detroit, Iowa, Nebraska, Northern Illinois, New York, Oregon-Idaho); United Church for Christ; Board of World Ministries; Washington Association of Churches; Hunger Action Center; and Sisters of St. Francis, Western States, concerned in supporting a boycott of all Nestle products, and those of its subsidiary companies, as the only means available to protest this inhuman practice, and we urge churches to publicize this action, and information about the abuse of formula in their communities, and to invite families to participate in the Nestle Boycott.

B. Native Issues; Point of Contact Workshop

A long list of suggested actions resulted from this session; perhaps the most crucial of which were:

1. The need of the Native United Methodists to develop a sense of their own identity and strength in Anchorage, but also conference-wide, and
2. The need of non-Native church members to be more open, sensitive and INFORMED. The Native Ministries Committee is actively taking responsibility in the first area. Help is needed in the second.

C. Commission on the Role and Status of Women

1. Each church will plan some observance of the Conference Special Em-

phasis on WOMEN for 1979-80. It is hoped that:

- a. Various groups studying WOMEN IN GOD'S WORLD will be activated.
- b. Each church will have a woman in the pulpit at least one Sunday in the year.
- c. Each church will strive to use non-sexist language and attitudes in its worship services and church life.
- d. Recommend that there be a significant increase of women on pensions, nominations, church extension, equitable salary, and trustees boards and committees of the Conference. Churches are urged to recommend names of women for nomination to these offices.

2. Each church will avail itself of the resources on Women from the Commission.

3. RESOLUTION ON SEX DISCRIMINATION

Whereas: the Gospel makes it clear that Jesus regarded women and men as being of equal worth,

Whereas: the United Methodist Church derives its support of the Equal Rights Amendment from a historical concern for justice, human dignity and equality for every person,

Be it therefore resolved that the AMC supports legislation that prohibits sex discrimination in education in the State of Alaska and that implements Article 1, Section 3 of the Alaska Constitution.

D. Legislative Action

1. Continue to make the Telephone Legislative Action Chain workable.
2. Urge every church to subscribe to IMPACT or Bread for the World newsletter for information on legislative issues.
3. Sponsor a workshop in the Anchorage area, using the very effective services of the Legislative Affairs Office, in how to get information, how to communicate, and how to overcome fears and feelings of intimidation.

E. Criminal Justice

It is recommended that this Annual Conference commend the Chugiak United Methodist Church on the unusual and effective ministry to the correctional institutions, and that each local church be aware and proud of this outreach of our sister congregation. It is hoped that the chairperson will communicate to each local church when support is needed for parts of the program which are threatened by budget considerations and organizational procedures.

F. Religion and Race

It is recommended that this group be reorganized to meet concerns of ethnic groups and to coordinate the appointment of a Task Force for Special

G. Statement on Disarmament and Strategic Arms Limitation

Do you find it hard to even think about the limitation of strategic arms? I do. Arms control is not a popular subject in Alaska, if it is anywhere. The arguments get so complicated, and the "powers" who make the decisions seem so far away. It's much easier to think about tonight's meeting of the Worship Committee or next week's fishing trip...

This year the U.S. defense budget has increased about 10%. Worldwide, the annual arms bill is over \$400 billion, with expenditures by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. accounting for well over half of that amount. "Motivating each nation is the quest for security, which is sought through deterrence. The more heavily each nation arms, the less secure its potential adversary feels. So the practice of deterrence increases the danger of war." (Harold Fey, CHRISTIAN CENTURY, 3/28/79.)

What effect, if any, will the SALT II Treaty have? In a recent CHRISTIAN CENTURY, James Wall notes that Senator McGovern opposes the treaty because it doesn't really limit anything the military establishment wants to do. McGovern says, "SALT II will lead to expansion, not reduction, of our arms budget. Our negotiators have made too many concessions to the Senate hawks, and to no great purpose." On the other hand, Hermann Will of the Board of Church and Society, when in Anchorage recently, expressed strong hope that the treaty would be approved because it's a step along the way and keeps open the possibility of going further.

Senator Mark Hatfield, in a special report to NEWSDAY, reprinted in the Anchorage Daily News (4/28/79), seems to come out in favor of ratifying the treaty. But, he says, we should support it with our eyes open. Says Hatfield:

The great danger in blindly joining the ritualistic dance of praise around the very limited accomplishments of SALT II is that the greater goal, true arms control, will be lost. . . If one accepts the tentative gains of SALT II, one must also be prepared to accept what it, by fiat, will sanction in new strategic doctrine and weapons development. The alternative is to move directly into SALT II negotiations. . . We should require both governments to begin discussions immediately on mutual test ban treaties, stricter limits on warheads, and other options aimed at slowing the rush to embrace new, complex technologies and strategic doctrine.

Before the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament began a year ago, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said, "Stocks of nuclear weapons have already for many years been sufficient to destroy the world many times over, yet the number of nuclear warheads has increased fivefold in the last eight years."

WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN TO DO? Don't we have to keep saying that God cares as much about our destruction-bound social orders as he does about individuals who need to repent and to be transformed? Don't we have

to keep urging those who represent us in Government to dare to take some risks for peace?

God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to put wise men to shame, and what the world considers weak in order to put powerful men to shame. (I Cor. 1:27)

The burdens laid upon us were so great and so heavy, that we gave up all hope of living. We felt that the sentence of death had been passed against us. But this happened so that we should rely not upon ourselves, but only on God who raises the dead. (II Cor. 1:8-9)

It appears that God promises to reinforce us in ways that we cannot even anticipate. . . but only when we take courage, when we challenge the principalities and the powers of darkness. Not when we roll over and play dead! Please, let's share our experiences as we try to be faithful in this arena.

H. Children

In recognition of the United Nations International Year of the Child, the Alaska Missionary Conference recommends that each local church:

1. Hold special observations and occasions which focus on the importance of children in the life of the church community;
2. Investigate the needs of children in its area, with particular concern for the high rate of child abuse and domestic violence in Alaska;
3. Train church school workers in ways of recognizing child abuse and ways of seeking assistance when abuse occurs;
4. Investigate the possibility of cooperating with other interested groups to provide child care in stress and crisis situations before police or court involvement become necessary.

Recommend that each local church appoint a Task Force on Children's Needs to determine needs of children and ways the needs are being met in these four areas:

1. Education--areas of special education for the hearing impaired, blind, crippled, pregnant teen-ager, gifted and talented.
2. Juvenile justice--a) the need for juvenile offenders being housed separately from adults, b) being processed within 48 hours, c) the incidence of child abuse and neglect.
3. Nutrition and health--a) adequate nutrition (RDA) and b) % of children immunized against childhood diseases.
4. Name and nationality--a) how many children in limbo because of failure of parents who neither care for their children themselves nor release their children for adoption, b) how many children who are not readily adoptable because they are older, handicapped, or minority.

Why?

1. In the United States, 2 million school age children are not in school. They have special education needs, and/or inadequate money to buy books or bus fare. They are poor, or minority, or pregnant, too bright, or not bright enough.

2. There are children in ADULT jails across the country: 17% of these children are "status offenders" (runaways, truants, etc.), 4.3% had committed no crime but had no other place to go.

3. Forty per cent of American children are not immunized against one or more childhood diseases.

4. Over 500,000 children (in the United States) live away from their families, in foster homes, group homes and institutions.

It is recommended that the Social Concerns and United Methodist Women accomplish this task by January, 1980:

Data is to be sent to: Mary Ritchie, First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

Anticipated use of data: a) to assess specific local needs and publicize it, b) to address present and future needs, c) to support the national efforts of the Board of Global Ministries, Women's Division, to sensitize the nation to the needs of children.

I. RESOLUTION TO CREATE A BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Whereas: The Conference Board of Church and Society has been given considerable responsibility this past year in handling a grant from the General Board, and in setting up a workshop, and

Whereas: An organized Board, meeting twice annually, would facilitate:

1. Taking advantage of training offered by General Board personnel,
2. Making plans and monitoring progress during the year, and
3. Providing a broader base on which to make decisions on obtaining and administering grant monies, and

Whereas: The Board in our present structure meets only as a legislative committee at the Annual Meeting and is formed annually at each session, thus lacking in continuity, and

Whereas: Sub-committee chairpersons, elected for a specific task, may not want to assume responsibility, as an ex-officio Executive Committee, for decisions of the whole Board (our present arrangement),

It is recommended that the Alaska Missionary Conference create a Board of Church and Society for each quadrennium, with the possibility of two meetings annually, and an Executive Committee to be elected by the Board, carrying responsibility between meetings of the Board.

(Referred to the CCOM Structure Committee.)

DISCIPLESHIP

A. Communications

1. Recommend that the Communications Committee present to the 1980 Session of the Annual Conference a feasibility study on the purchase and use of videotape equipment.
2. Recommend the production and distribution of an up-dated Audio-Visual catalogue by the Communications Committee no later than August 31, 1979.

B. Historical Society

1. Recommend the following budget items:

Film and copying materials	\$100.00
"Pilot" sheet for booklet	\$180.00
	\$280.00

2. Recommend that the Historical Society distribute copies of "Praise the Lord and Pass the Penicillin" to each local church.

C. Outdoor Ministries

1. Recommend that local church and Conference camping participation be increased by 100% during the summer of 1979.
2. Recommend that the Conference endeavor to provide Staff Leadership Development Workshops in three or four areas during the Conference year 1979-80.
3. Recommend \$400.00 be budgeted to the camping program in Southeast.

D. Conference Council on Youth Ministries

1. Recommend that the Annual Conference support a Conference-wide youth ministry training event for Spring, 1980. Training will be directed toward both "one group" youth fellowships, as well as separate jr. and sr. high youth groups, and their adult advisors. A leadership team from the Division of Education of the Board of Discipleship will be asked to conduct the event.
2. Recommend that regional confirmation retreats be offered during the 1979-80 Conference year to be coordinated by the CCYM.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

A. Evangelism

1. That we commend the churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference who have undertaken the responsibility of training pastors and/or lay persons in evangelism: First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks; Church of the New

Covenant, Kenai; Sitka United Methodist Church; Northern Light United Church, Juneau; and Turnagain United Methodist Church, Anchorage.

2. That the Conference Council on Ministries and Council on Finance and Administration take seriously the financial obligations of making sure monies are available following the next conference year for itineration and consultation services in local churches on the subject of evangelism.

3. That the General Board of Discipleship be commended for making funds available and staff time available to assist the Alaska Missionary Conference in the development of an evangelism plan.

4. That Church Extension Task Force now undertake planning for the development of new churches in key areas of Alaska and that this planning not simply be long range, but active short range.

5. That the Alaska Missionary Conference formally acknowledge the de facto termination of the comity agreements made with other denominations regarding placement of local churches in Alaska communities. In formally ending the comity agreement, it is not the intent of the Alaska Missionary Conference to attempt to overchurch communities, or engage in unfair competition with other denominations. It is simply to recognize that the day of comity is probably past and we are called upon as a responsible church to engage in serious missionary endeavor throughout the state of Alaska. (Tabled for study.)

6. That the Alaska Missionary Conference, in keeping with the goals established by the Conference, diligently pursue a net growth goal of 335 new members and 375 new members in 1981.

7. That the AMC endorse the program of the Ad Hoc Committee for AN EXPERIMENT IN PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY and encourages local churches to consider ways that can carry out the following goals:

1) To provide an EPC experience for lay and clergy representatives from churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference in order to:

- a. Train leadership for other EPC experiences,
- b. Build a sense of community within the larger conference community, and
- c. To make leadership available to churches which have not been able to participate.

2) To be responsible for:

- a. Planning and implementing the EPC experience for the Alaska Missionary Conference during the 1979-80 Conference year,
- b. Seeking funding for an EPC training experience,
- c. Encouraging and promoting its use in local programming,
- d. Acting as a clearinghouse for training requests from churches that are unable to participate in the initial training experience, and
- e. Relating to the Conference Committee on Evangelism.

8. That a deaconess, US-2, D.C.E., or Church and Community Worker be secured to serve as a Church School Enrichment Consultant in the AMC. This

person would serve with a congregation, working up to three months, to consult with the local church on enrichment and extension of the church school program.

B. Missions

1. Our Advance Special giving in the areas of Hunger, Ethnic Minority Local Church, UMCOR and National Division are good, but we are 66.82% below 1978 for the first three months of 1979 in our World Division giving. We suggest we continue our support of these areas by meeting last year's amounts and increasing by 20% our giving in ALL areas.

2. That we adopt as a Conference Mission Project the Navajo Methodist Mission School in New Mexico, keeping in mind that it is the International Year of the Child and that all churches be encouraged to participate and stress this project for at least one week during the coming Conference year.

Suggested projects: Scholarships up to \$50,000 per year, project no. 581529-5; Dormitory construction-\$100,00, project no. 581528-4.

3. Encourage each church to participate in at least one Mission Study Program during the coming year.

4. Encourage local churches to sponsor an Advance Special Project as well as work on the Conference project.

5. Encourage local churches to become active in the sponsorship of refugee families by:

a) Being a sponsor for a family, or

b) Financial support through UMCOR Advance Gifts to Program Code no. 982565-1, or

c) Assisting sponsors through giving-

1. temporary support,

2. employment,

3. English lessons,

4. shopping and money management programs,

5. friendship to refugee families in your community.

The Global Concerns Chairperson will be the information clearinghouse and Conference liason for churches seeking to sponsor or sponsoring refugee families.

C. Church Extension

1. The Task Force on Church Extension recommends that a special person be secured to serve as a church developer. This person would go into an area and work for a year doing survey work to see what the possibilities are for establishing a church. After a year, a recommendation would be made as to the needs of the community. (Referred to the CCOM Structure Committee.)

2. Recommend that funds be sought for the purchase of mobile homes to be used to assist in the program of Church Extension.

3. To implement action taken by the 1978 Annual Conference, the Council on Ministries shall appoint four clergy and four lay persons, and in addition, the Conference Stewardship Cultivation Chairperson, to serve as a Church Extension Crusade Committee to serve the following functions:

a. Coordinate and lead a Fall 1980 Church Extension Crusade in cooperation with a Crusade Director provided by the United Methodist Office of Field Service and Finance. In preparation for this Crusade, this group shall meet twice prior to the 1980 Annual Conference with funding coming from revenue to be generated by the Crusade;

b. After consultation with the Church Extension Task Force and appropriate persons in the National Division, recommend a project, projects, or categories of projects to the 1980 Annual Conference for support by funds from the Crusade. Any additional funding needed for this task will come from revenue to be generated by the Crusade.

c. The Superintendent is to contact the Office of Field Service and Finance and request a Crusade Director to assist the Alaska Missionary Conference in the Church Extension Crusade and to be available to also assist, where requested, local congregations in fund raising for local church budgets. The Crusade Director will be requested to be present to make a presentation of the proposed Church Extension Crusade at the 1980 Annual Conference.

d. The Superintendent will act as convener of the Church Extension Crusade Committee.

e. Bob Smay, Chairperson of the Task Force on Church Extension, will be a consultant to the Crusade Committee.

4. Secure land in areas for potential new churches as funds become available and to investigate land that could become available through State land distribution channels or the donations of individuals.

5. The Superintendent will prepare a recommendation regarding church extension in the Unalaska area for the 1980 Annual Conference, drawing upon the expertise of Walter Hays and others for information and opinion.

D. Native Ministries Committee

1. The Native Ministries Committee recommends that the Alaska Missionary Conference support their efforts to develop a sense of identity and strength in the Native United Methodist community.

2. Develop Alaska Native leadership toward full participation in the life and decision-making of the church at every level.

E. United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of the Alaska Missionary Conference, in order to fulfill its goals for mission education, leadership development, consciousness-raising and supportive community, has established an annual Mission Education event in Southeastern Alaska and is planning another regional event for the Kenai Peninsula in October, 1979. It is their ultimate goal to

hold additional events in Anchorage and the Interior in the future in order to involve all local churches in mission education.

It is recommended that the Annual Conference encourage participation by local churches in these regional events.

LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

A. Lay Leader

1. Continue the lay speaker training program begun in 1977-78. It is proposed that training sessions of two types be conducted--

a. Advanced training for currently-certified lay speakers. Hold a one-weekend seminar in the Anchorage area in Spring, 1980. Encourage participation by all lay speakers in the conference. Use one of the approved Advanced Courses for Lay Speakers. Expect participants to prepare in advance for the weekend. Consider using an outside resource person.

b. A series of basic training sessions in fall and spring, 1979-80. Sessions to be held in Southeast, Kenai Peninsula, Anchorage and Interior. Format similar to that used in spring, 1978, with attendance at two weekend workshops, separated by approximately one month, required. Sessions to be conducted by currently-certified lay speakers.

2. Continue visits to local churches, visiting Nome, Kenai, North Star, Seaward, Moose Pass and Bayshore in 1979-80.

3. Attend Annual Meeting of the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders in Nashville, Tennessee, in February, 1980.

4. In cooperation with the pastoral leadership of Turnagain United Methodist Church, develop standards for a conference-wide lay care ministry program. Proposal for program to be submitted to conference in 1980.

5. Beginning with the 1980-84 quadrennium, the Alaska Missionary Conference will send the Conference Lay Leader to the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders meetings on the first and third years of the quadrennium. (Referred to CCOM Structure Committee.)

6. That an Associate Lay Leader be elected for the next quadrennium. (Referred to the CCOM Structure Committee.)

B. Leadership Development

1. Recommend that as a matter of policy, no more than half the annual budget of Leadership Development be used to finance training outside the Alaska Missionary Conference.

2. That Leadership Development provide each local congregation with a subscription to NEWSCOPE during the important 1980 General Conference year.

C. Stewardship

1. Recommend that Stewardship Cultivation Committee become a sub-committee so our structure would more nearly approximate that of the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. (Referred to the CCOM Structure Committee.)

2. Recommend that the Stewardship Cultivation Committee work during the year 1980 with the Office of Stewardship Cultivation, Board of Discipleship, United Methodist Church, to develop a program of stewardship education in the conference year of 1981.

3. Recommend that Stewardship Cultivation Committee continue to distribute stewardship education materials through the Conference Office.

D. Equitable Salaries Commission

1. That the Base Salary for 1980 be \$12,000.00 (7.14% increase)

2. That the Area Adjustments for 1980 be:

130% for Nome

110% for the Kenai Peninsula

100% for all other areas of the state

3. That the length of service allowance be \$100 per service year since Deacon's Orders for a maximum of 25 years.

4. That the requests for ministerial support be approved for 1980 for the non-self-supporting churches/parishes: Homer, Nome, Sitka, and Seward.

5. That the request for ministerial support for 1980 at Bayshore United Methodist Church, Anchorage, be approved at \$13,858, with the expectation that they will become self-supporting by the end of 1982.

6. That the request for ministerial support for North Pole Church for 1980 be approved at \$4,000, with the expectation of a "substantial reduction" for 1981.

7. That the Equitable Salary Commission present two salary plans for the consideration of the 1980 Annual Conference. One plan is to be based on the System now used to fund pastoral salaries in the Alaska Missionary Conference, taking into account inflationary increases which may be appropriately recommended. The other plan is to be a comprehensive salary structure which will cause all ordained ministers of congregations to be a part of a basic salary system, as is consistent with the United Methodist DISCIPLINE and to distribute these plans to local churches at least two months prior to the Annual Conference.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

Superintendent of the		
Alaska Missionary Conference	Edmund B. Stanton	2
Anchorage:		
Anchor Park	Arthur R. Edwards	1
Bayshore	Tyler C. Curtis	1
East Anchorage	Roger D. Robison	2
First Anchorage	James F. Buffington	2
Saint John	John C. Forney	1
Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish:		
Turnagain United Methodist	William G. Trudeau	6
Jewel Lake Parish	Donald L. Hartman	5
Trinity United Presbyterian		
(Not appointed by United Methodist Bishop)		
Chugiak	Gregory L. Eicher	3
Fairbanks:		
First	Paul O. Jewell	3
First (Associate)	Betty Luginbill	2
Girdwood-University Community Ministry	David K. Fison	1
Homer Parish:		
Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia	Keith B. Wise	8
Douglas Community	Robert B. McNabb	6
Juneau: Northern Light Church	John R. Tindell	6
Kenai: Church of the New Covenant	Arthur P. Knight	4
Ketchikan: First	Oliver Auchenpau	2*
Nome: Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish	John J. Shaffer	6
North Pole: New Hope Methodist-		
Presbyterian	Claude E. Klaver	3**
North Star	R. Melvin Vostry	3
Seward-Moose Pass-Cooper Landing	Revelle E. Roach	4
Sitka	R. Dan Amerson	2
Soldotna	Dennis B. Holway	3
Diaconal Minister Appointment:		
Norton Sound Regional Hospital	Priscilla Ringenburg	3

* Appointed to Ketchikan effective November 1, 1978.

** A United Presbyterian Minister serving a United Methodist-Presbyterian Church

Special Appointments in Alaska of United Methodist Ministers, not members of Alaska Missionary Conference:

Executive Director, Alaska Children's Services	John C. Garvin	3
Associate Director, Alaska Children's Services	Walter L. Hays	6
Director, Youth Services Center of Alaska Children's Services	Robert D. Bowers	4
President, Alaska Pacific University	Glenn A. Olds	3
Director, Volunteer Services, State of Alaska	Howard L. DeVore	3
Director, United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks	Charles Young	2

IX. GOALS

(Adopted June, 1977)

GOAL 1: To develop Christian Outreach in the Alaska Missionary Conference so every United Methodist congregation becomes a functioning center for evangelistic ministry by 1980, with an increase in church membership, worship and church school attendance of at least 15% per year.

A. 1. To provide a check list of methods and procedures by which church school attendance is promoted and results reviewed by the Education Committee.

2. A check list of methods and procedures by which worship attendance is promoted and results reviewed by the Worship Committee.

3. A check list of methods and procedures by which membership is promoted and results reviewed by the Evangelism Committee.

B. Coordinate an evangelism program in each church by the winter of 1979, as coordinated by the Board of Discipleship (Chairperson Evangelism.)

C. June, 1980--Each local congregation develop a plan of Evangelism for itself which makes use of the previous three years' reflections and actions. Conference do same by having a 1981 Lay-Clergy Conference on Evangelism.

GOAL 2: To enable local churches to become extended families.

A. A minimum of 12 local churches shall hold at least one workshop, The

Church as Family, by spring of 1979. (Would encourage local churches to involve all ages and groups of people in programs and emphases.)

B. To provide study materials on the family in Alaska, with special attention to how the local church can provide support and halt its deterioration, December, 1977. (Bob Nelson and Bruce Bartel gather materials. Christian Nurture Committee compile a list of resources.)

C. Two churches shall develop a model of a caring community(s), especially in terms of support and counseling, June, 1980. (First UMC, Anchorage, and look for one other volunteer.)

GOAL 3: A special emphasis task force will be named each Conference Year of the quadrennium. The responsibility will be to:

A. Make available as many resources as possible to local churches for education and study.

B. To present a variety of possible activities to be carried out in the local church.

C. To plan at least one special event to be celebrated conference-wide during the year of emphasis.

D. To influence federal, state, and local policy by providing arenas for dialogue between and among government officials and the public.

Areas of Emphasis:

1977--Hunger

1978--Native Culture and Land Claims

1979--Women

1980--Ethnic Minorities

GOAL 4: To create and implement a system of alternatives in leadership development and education for Conference-wide and local church programming.

A. To include at least one education component for every meeting of church persons on a conference- or area-wide level. The chairperson of each event being responsible. June, 1977.

B. To develop a "People Bank," including both youth and adults, within the conference and to utilize these persons either singly or in teams, to train others in the local church by June, 1979. (Lay Activities responsible.)

C. To purchase at least one training item for the Conference Library each

year and to see that every local church is aware of it. June, 1977. (AV Committee.)

D. To conduct area-wide training events at least once a year in parts of the state where this is feasible. June, 1978. (Lay Activities)

E. To utilize available long or short-term volunteers, both lay and clergy, to work in local churches with the specific purpose of training. June, 1981.

F. To assist the Mission Superintendent to do leadership training as he/she visits the local church. June, 1980.

G. To develop a process to familiarize youth in local churches with youth's role in the organization and programs of the local church and the Alaska Missionary Conference. June, 1978.

GOAL 5: To study and develop new ministries in Alaska.

A. Start at least three new ministries in the state. (Task Force on Church Extension.)

1. Two new congregations; the first by 1978.

2. A Native Ministries staff person by June, 1978. (Committee on Native Ministries.)

B. Create by June, 1978 new forms and strategies of ministry, such as:

1. Worker-priest ministry

2. Lay speaker training program developed by June, 1978

3. Subsistence volunteer ministry

4. Ecumenical ministries (Committee on Ministries appoint task force.)

GOAL 6: To enlarge the level of Stewardship within the Alaska Missionary Conference.

A. Come to a more specific definition of a self-supporting church by 1978, and then set a goal of the number of self-supporting churches we will have by 1981. (Equitable Salaries and Finance and Administration will formulate definition and set goal.)

B. Increase the level of giving to Advance Specials 50 per cent by 1980, over 1976 level.

C. Every church will participate in the Stewardship crusade in the fall of 1977.

GOAL 7: To provide an informational and educational network that represents the AMC.

A. Produce one informational brochure on the Alaska Missionary Conference for use outside and within Alaska by January, 1978. (Communications Committee)

B. Produce an in-conference newsletter three times a year; local church news, institution news, conference programming news and resources. By September, 1977. (Council on Ministries coordinator will publish newsletter.)

X. RULES OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

1. DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS, 1976

Paragraph 690:

A conference is a Missionary Conference because of its uniqueness, limited membership, and ministry. Because of its financial strength and property, it requires administrative guidance and large financial aid from the Board of Global Ministries.

Paragraph 691:

A Missionary Conference shall be organized in the same manner and with the same rights and powers as an Annual Conference, but with the following exceptions:

1. The Council of Bishops shall provide episcopal supervision for such Missionary Conferences as are organized. The bishop thus placed in charge and having episcopal supervision in cooperation with the Board of Global Ministries shall appoint a conference superintendent and the district superintendents for such terms as the bishop may determine.

2. The Board of Global Ministries shall give close supervision and guidance in setting up the administrative and promotional budgets and Advance projects within the conference and in the promotion of new mission projects. The conference, in making requests for appropriations for support and grants and loans for building projects, shall submit to the Board of Global Ministries a statement of the proposed annual promotional and administrative budget and the proposed financial plan for new mission and building projects. New work and building projects involving increased appropriations from the Board of Global Ministries shall first have the approval of the Board of Global Ministries.

3. In the year before General Conference meets, the Missionary Conference shall elect one lay person and one minister as delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. One additional lay person and one additional minister shall be elected as delegates to Jurisdictional Conference and as reserve delegates to General Conference. Two lay persons and two ministers shall also be elected as reserve delegates to Jurisdictional Conference.

4. A minister in full connection with an Annual Conference who is appointed as a missionary to a Missionary Conference shall be considered in affiliated relationship with the Missionary Conference. Affiliated relationship shall entitle the minister to the fellowship of the conference, to full participation in its activities, including holding office and representing the Missionary Conference in General and Jurisdictional Conferences. An affiliate member of a Missionary Conference shall not vote in his or her annual conference while the minister retains the affiliate relationship to a Missionary Conference. Such affiliate relationship to a Missionary Conference shall be only for the duration of the minister's appointment as a missionary to the conference.

An affiliate member elected to a General or Jurisdictional Conference from a Missionary Conference shall not be eligible to such position from the conference where his or her membership is held.

5. A Missionary Conference may include in its membership representation of such mission agencies within its boundaries as it deems advisable; provided, however, such representation shall not exceed a number equal to one third of the total membership of the Missionary Conference.

Paragraph 692:

Only the General Conference can create a Missionary Conference or change a Missionary Conference to a Provisional Conference or an Annual Conference. A petition to the General Conference for change in status from a Missionary Conference shall set forth details of the history and status of the conference and shall be accompanied by a report and recommendation of the Board of Global Ministries.

II. RULES

A. Organization:

1. Convening: The Alaska Missionary Conference shall meet on the date set by the bishop as provided in the DISCIPLINE (para. 701.2). The program committee shall consist of the bishop of the area, the superintendent of the conference, the secretary of the conference, and the pastor and lay leader of the local church. In the event that Alaska Pacific University is host, the president or his representatives shall be added to the committee, together with

such pastors as the superintendent may appoint.

2. Membership: Sec. 1. Any United Methodist ordained minister appointed by the National Division and the Bishop to service within the boundaries of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be a member of the Alaska Missionary Conference. At no time shall the clergy representation exceed lay representation.

Sec. 2. The institutions and agencies now related to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church shall be full members of the Alaska Missionary Conference and that each be accorded no more than two voting delegates. These would be:

Alaska Children's Services, Inc.

Alaska Pacific University

University Community Ministry, Anchorage

Nome Community Center, Inc.

United Campus Ministry, Inc., Fairbanks

Wesleyan Nursing Home, Inc.

Sec. 3. Lay Membership from Churches: The Charge Conference of each charge of the Missionary Conference shall elect a lay member and one or more alternate members to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference quadrennially at the Charge Conference prior to the first Annual Meeting following the General Conference session. Each pastoral charge served by more than one minister in full connection shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are effective full-time ministers in full connection. Each congregation of a parish shall be entitled to a lay representative, provided there are not more than two representatives from each parish.

Sec. 4. Lay Members at Large: The Missionary Conference Lay Leader, the President of the United Methodist Women, the President of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) and two (2) youth delegates shall be members of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. The youth delegates shall be selected by the CCYM and shall have been members of the United Methodist Church for one year.

Sec. 5. In case of the inability of a lay member or alternate lay member(s) to attend the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference sessions for any reason, the Charge Conference may elect a lay member to fill the vacancy on a permanent or temporary basis.

Sec. 6. Any layperson not a member of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference who is an officer of the Alaska Missionary Conference or one of its agencies, boards, commissions, committees, task forces, or societies, shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, without vote on matters relating to the report of the said agency, board, commission, committee, task force or society.

Sec. 7. In order to achieve equal lay and clerical representation at the An-

nual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference, the Bishop and Conference Superintendent shall appoint a committee each year to select lay representation to equal clerical.

Sec. 8. The following shall be seated in the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote: lay pastors who are in charge of pastoral appointments; lay home missionaries, both men and women, related to the Board of Global Ministries and deaconesses serving within the bounds of the Missionary Conference. By authorization of the Alaska Missionary Conference, national workers may be given the same privileges, as well as pastors of ecumenical parishes, administrators of other denominations, and ordained United Methodist ministers who are not otherwise delegates of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

3. Officers: Alaska Missionary Conference Officers:

Sec. 1. At the last Annual Meeting preceding the General Conference, an Alaska Missionary Conference Secretary and Statistician shall be elected to serve for the succeeding quadrennium. They shall be nominated by the nominating committee.

The Secretary and Statistician shall nominate their assistants annually or appoint them ad interim for confirmation by the Missionary Conference.

Sec. 2. The Alaska Missionary Conference Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially at the session of the Alaska Missionary Conference following General Conference upon nomination of the Council on Finance and Administration.

4. Membership and Tenure of General Committees and Standing Committees that function throughout the year representing the following broad concerns:

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Social Concerns, Native Issues (Education), Hunger, Legislative Action, Status and Role of Women, Religion and Race, Health and Welfare.

DISCIPLESHIP

Education, Communication/A-V, Historical Society, Worship, Higher Education, Outdoor Ministries, Youth

LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

Lay Activities, Leadership Education, Hospital and Medical Expense Program, Stewardship

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Global Concerns, Evangelism, Church Extension, Native Ministries, Ecumenical Affairs, United Methodist Women

Sec. 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Council on Finance and Administration, Committee on Reference and Counsel, Church Location and Building, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Equitable Salary Commission, and Board of Pensions, Conference Board of Trustees, Continuing Consultation Committee with the National Division, Conference Council on Youth Ministries, Board of Diaconal Ministry, Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency, Board of Ordained Ministry, Alaska Christian Conference Delegation, Religion and Race, and Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Sec. 2. All general committees and standing committees of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be nominated by the Alaska Missionary Conference nominating committee.

Sec. 3. All general committees and standing committees shall have plenary power in the interim between sessions of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference for confirmation.

Sec. 4. No person shall serve on any one general committee or standing committee of the Alaska Missionary Conference whose members are elected by the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference more than eight years and no chairperson for more than four years with the following exceptions and provisions:

a. One or two years service to fill a vacancy on a quadrennial general committee or standing committee shall not count for the purpose of this rule.

b. In the case of a committee elected in three year or other term classes, the maximum period of consecutive service shall be two terms, with the provision that a one-year appointment to fill a vacancy prior to the first term shall not count to the purpose of this rule.

c. Persons who are members of a general committee or standing committee ex-officio shall not be affected by this rule.

Sec. 5. Standing committees shall organize, with chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE UPON NOMINATION BY THE CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Committees shall further organize with vice-chairpersons and secretary. Where feasible, both clergy and lay persons, vice chairperson and secretary of each general committee shall be indicated in the Alaska Missionary Conference Journal.

a. Membership on the General Committees shall be:

1. As Executive Committee:

Church and Society Chairperson

Health and Welfare Ministries chairperson

Christian Social Concerns chairperson

Native Issues (Education) chairperson

Hunger chairperson

- Legislative Action chairperson
- Status & Role of Women chairperson
- Religion & Race chairperson
- Discipleship Chairperson
 - Education chairperson
 - Communication chairperson
 - Board of Ordained Ministry chairperson
 - Conference Historical Society chairperson
 - Worship chairperson
 - Higher Education chairperson
 - Outdoor Ministry chairperson
- Global Ministries Chairperson
 - Global Concerns chairperson
 - Evangelism chairperson
 - Ecumenical Affairs chairperson
 - Church Extension chairperson
 - Native Ministries chairperson
 - Ethnic Minority Funding chairperson
- Lay Activities and Temporal Economy Chairperson
 - Pensions chairperson
 - Hospital and Medical Insurance chairperson
 - Leadership Development chairperson
 - Stewardship chairperson
 - Ex-officio: Lay Leader
 - Council on Finance & Administration President
 - Equitable Salaries Commission Chairperson

2. As Conference Committees, those officially seated at Annual Meeting shall be assigned by the Nominating Committee to serve on a General Committee for the duration of that Annual Meeting. Both clergy and laity shall be represented on the committees.

b. General Committees have authority to develop Task Forces on specific concerns as needed, making the chairpersons of those task forces full voting members of General Committees.

Sec. 6 (a) The General Committees shall function as the legislative committees during the session of the Annual Meeting.

(b) The Chairpersons of the General Committees or others designated by them may present their report as they are readied. The report of any General Committee shall not exceed one hour in length until each General Committee has reported and only then shall additional time become available for reports of a General Committee.

(c) General Committees which have not completed their work in the time allotted to them in the Annual Meeting Program may call such additional sub-committee or full committee meetings as necessary when not in conflict with

the business session of the Annual Meeting to handle matters of reference arising in the Annual Meeting sessions after the regular scheduled General Committee meetings have been completed, the executive committee of each General Committee consisting of the chairperson, secretary and sub-section chairpersons, is empowered to act for the whole section.

(d) A special standing committee known as the Committee on Reference and Counsel shall be nominated and elected from the floor at the last session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference preceding the General Conference to serve for the succeeding quadrennium to act on the rules, journal, appreciation, audit, and nominating committee. It shall consist of five laypersons and four ministers, one of which shall be the Missionary Conference Superintendent. When it is acting in the capacity of the Nominating Committee, the Missionary Conference Superintendent is the chairperson, but, at all other times its elected chairperson presides.

(e) The reports and work of the following Missionary Conference groups are not reported through the General Committees: Committee on Reference and Counsel, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Council on Ministries, Board of Diaconal Ministry, General Conference Petitions, Board of Ordained Ministry, Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency and special committees.

(f) The duties of the General Committees during Annual Meeting follows: To receive all resolutions, recommendations, and proposals for Annual Meeting pronouncements, promotional programs and methods of procedure, affecting the Alaska Missionary Conference and the promotional groups from any and all commissions, boards, and committees, institutions and members; to hear and consider all such matters; to formulate reports on same and present them to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference; however, this is not to preclude minority reports on any recommendations. The Annual Meeting is empowered to assign recommendations to the appropriate General Committees and to withdraw and reassign said recommendations at any time before a report on said recommendation is brought in. The General Committees are empowered to indicate resolutions falling within the general scope of their field.

(g) Membership of the General Committees shall be:

	Lay	Clergy
Church and Society	10	6
Discipleship	20	8
Lay Activities & Temporal Economy	8	4
Global Ministries	12	6

(h) Membership on the Standing Committees shall be:

	Lay	Clergy
Council on Finance & Administration	5	4
Committee on Reference & Counsel	5	4

Church Location & Building		
Southeast	3	3
North & Central	3	3
Board of Pensions	2	2
Conference Board of Trustees	4	4
Stewardship Cultivation	3	3
Consultation with National Division	2	2
Committee on Episcopacy & Conference Superintendency	4	3
Religion & Race	3	2
Status & Role of Women	5	2
Alaska Christian Conf. Delegation	3	2
Board of Diaconal Ministry	One Diaconal person and Council on Ministries	

(1) Delegates of the Alaska Missionary Conference to the Alaska Christian Conference who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during their effective appointment or quadrennial term. All other delegates shall serve for a quadrennial term, nominated by the first session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference following the General Conference. The number of delegates are determined by the Alaska Christian Conference formula. Delegates at large shall serve one year periods.

(j) The Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall elect such other commissions, committees, and task forces as necessary to carry out its work.

(k) Members of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall serve as elected members of not more than two general committees or standing committees concurrently.

(l) The Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency shall consist of seven persons (four lay and three clergy.) One member may be appointed by the Bishop, and one member may be appointed by the Conference Superintendent, with the balance to be elected for the quadrennium at the first session of the Alaska Missionary Conference following General Conference.

B. Procedures:

1. When a member desires to present any business, or speak to any question, the member shall rise and address the presiding officer, and when recognized, may proceed, restricting their remarks to the subject before the meeting.

2. The hours of convening and adjourning the sessions of the meeting shall

be fixed by the Program Committee. The printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the meeting at the time of the organization of the meeting.

3. When absence from the various business sessions is necessary, permission from the presiding officer shall be secured.

4. Offerings at the Communion Service and for conference expenses are approved. Other offerings shall have prior approval by the Alaska Missionary Conference.

5. Visitors may be given the privilege of the floor without vote by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

6. The pastors shall submit the statistical report and the financial report respectively to the statistician and the treasurer as requested by these officers.

Sec. 1. The fiscal year in the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be the calendar year beginning with January 1 and closing with December 31. The Alaska Missionary Conference Treasurer shall close the financial records of the Missionary Conference as of December 31, and all remittances must be received in the office by that date in order to receive credit for the fiscal year.

Sec. 2. The July salary shall be paid to the minister by the local church to which he/she is appointed in the Alaska Missionary Conference at the session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Sec. 3. All requests for Missionary Conference apportionments upon the charges or the pastors shall first have to be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration, and no apportionments shall be made until the Council shall have made its report. If the report is negative, a two-thirds majority vote of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be required to reverse the recommendation of the Commission.

7. Sec. 1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern all questions of procedure when the rules adopted by the Alaska Missionary Conference or the UNITED METHODIST DISCIPLINE do not apply.

Sec. 2. All proposals designated as permanent regulations of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be first submitted to the Rules Committee, whose duty it shall be to consider the proposal and then make a report on it with recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. In order to change an Alaska Missionary Conference Rule, or to provide for a new Alaska Missionary Conference Rule, the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference must vote change specifically, by Rule and Section number.

Sec. 3. New, revised, amended, or rescinded Rules may originate as follows: by recommendations from any General Commission, board, or com-

mittee which does not report through the General Committee; from the Conference Superintendent; or over the signature of three members of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Individual members may submit proposals to the Rules Committee for consideration, but in such case the committee is not bound to report the proposed change on the floor of the Annual Meeting.

8. All business of the Meeting not brought forward by the presiding officer may be introduced by a motion from the floor.

9. Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be submitted to the Conference Office by April 15, preceeding the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

C. Resolutions and Motions:

1. All resolutions and motions introduced by a member shall be in written form and submitted to the secretary on request. Any resolution or motion so introduced may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amended or adopted.

The name of persons presenting a resolution or motion which is adopted shall be recorded in the Minutes.

2. No one may speak more than once on any question before the Meeting until everyone who desires to speak shall have spoken. Where persons of opposing views wish the floor, the presiding officer shall alternate recognizing the proponents and opponents of the motion in question.

3. When any motion is laid on the table, it may be taken therefrom by a majority vote of the Meeting and may be made the order of the day for any session or hour thereafter.

4. All motions, except those of privilege, originating on the floor, shall be referred to the appropriate General Committee for study and report, unless consideration of same is passed by two-thirds vote of members present.

D. Journal:

1. The record of daily proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference as signed by the presiding officer and the secretary and printed in the official Journal shall be considered the official minutes.

2. All narrative material to be published in the official Journal shall be sub-

mitted in quadruplicate to the secretary not later than midnight of the day of adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Material submitted later may be omitted from the Journal unless arrangements are made with the secretary to receive late material.

E. 1973 Rulings of Bishop Jack M. Tuell bearing on the question of membership in the Alaska Missionary Conference Annual Meeting:

1. "There is nothing in the BOOK OF DISCIPLINE that requires representatives of mission agencies to the mission conference to be members of the United Methodist Church."

2. "The DISCIPLINE requires that lay members representing pastoral charges in a Missionary Conference be members of the United Methodist Church."

3. "When a minister of another denomination properly qualifies under paragraph 376.6 (1972 DISCIPLINE), he may vote in a missionary conference in the same way as an associate member of an Annual Conference."

F. Amendments:

1. The rules of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference may be amended or suspended on the first day of the Annual Meeting by a majority vote. At all other times, amendment or suspension of rules shall require a two-thirds vote.

G. Council on Ministries:

Sec. 1. The purpose of the Council on Ministries shall be:

(a) to receive program recommendations from the local churches, the Missionary Conference, the Jurisdictional and General Council on Ministries.

(b) to develop these recommendations into a coordinated program to be recommended to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Conference program; and

(c) to provide implementation for an administration of the coordinated program as adopted by the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Sec. 2. The voting membership shall consist of the following: The Alaska Missionary Conference President of the United Methodist Women, The Alaska Missionary Conference Lay Leader, one youth, the Chairpersons of the Four General Committees, The Bishop, The Missionary Conference Superintendent, a representative of the Alaska Native Ministries Committee, and three members-at-large. The members-at-large shall be chosen in such a way that the to-

tal voting membership includes at least two women and as near as possible an equal representation of the laity and clergy. The President of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and the Coordinator of the Conference Council on Ministries shall be members without vote.

Sec. 3. The officers shall be chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and Coordinator of Conference Council on Ministries. These officers, plus one other person chosen at large, constitutes the executive committee.

Sec. 4. The Conference Council on Ministries shall meet three times per year as funds permit.

XI. ROLL OF THE HONORED DEAD

IN MEMORY

--the following have died during the past year:

BISHOPS

J. Owen Smith
Aubrey G. Walton

WIVES OF BISHOPS

Emily Louise Newell (Mrs. Frederick B.)
Delma Dawson Tucker (Mrs. Dana Dawson)
Dora H. Weidler (Mrs. Victor O.)
Catherine S. Werner (Mrs. Hazen G.)

RETIRED MINISTER

Meredith A. Groves
Superintendent, 1964-69

FORMER PASTOR'S WIFE

A. Ellen Patton (Mrs. Joseph J.)

LAY PERSONS

Anchor Park, Anchorage:
Raleigh Jack Merryman
Jennie B. Ruesink

Turnagain, Anchorage:
Victor Vasak

First, Fairbanks:
Fred Windrum (Fall of 1977)
Helen M. Carlisle

Nome Community:
Arthur Nagozruk, Sr.
Flora Luke

Sitka:
Edward "Bert" White
Clarence Kramer

Soldotna:
Wesley Gillilan

First, Ketchikan:
Peter Bringsli
Elaine Talbot Johnson
Mildred Manty
John Nerup
Nancy Wilson

XII. PASTORAL RECORDS

AMERSON, R. DAN Texas
Texas Annual Conference; On trial, 1972; E, 1978; EDUCATION: McMurry College, Abilene, Texas, 1971; Perkins School of Theology, 1975; APPOINTMENTS: Follett UMC, Follett, Texas, 1976; Gethsemane UMC, Houston, Texas, 1978; Alaska Missionary Conference, Sitka, 1978; WIFE: Debra Ann; CHILDREN: Leanna Paige, Douglas

AUCHENPAUGH, OLIVER Virginia
Virginia Conference; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; E, 1977; EDUCATION: Rollins, 1973; Candler School of Theology, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Cartersville (Georgia), Minister of Music, 1973; Mt. Pleasant (Virginia), 1976; Alaska Missionary Conference, Ketchikan, 11/1/78; WIFE: Betty Faye; CHILDREN: Richard, Robert, Allen

BOWERS, ROBERT DALE* Wisconsin
South Iowa Conference; On trial, 1958; D, 1959; E, 1961; EDUCATION: Drake University, 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1961; APPOINTMENTS: South Iowa Conference, Victor-Immanuel, 1961; East Wisconsin Conference, Brookfield, 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward, 1967; Kenai Church of the New Covenant, 1969; Anchor Park, Anchorage, 1971; Staff, Alaska Children's Services, (Jan. 1) 1977; WIFE: Beverly; CHILDREN: Stephen, Carolyn, Christine, David

BUFFINGTON, JAMES WESLEY Oregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1970; D, 1970; E, 1972; **EDUCATION:**
Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa, 1968; Candler School of Theology,
Emory University, 1971; **APPOINTMENTS:** Sutherlin-Wilbur, 1972, Ontario,
1974; Alaska Missionary Conference, Anchorage-First, 1978; **WIFE:** Christie
Lou; **CHILDREN:** Michael James

CURTIS, TYLER CORNIELOUS Pacific and Southwest
Pacific and Southwest Conference; On trial, 1971; D, 1971; E, 1975; **EDU-**
CATION: Northwestern University, 1956; Garrett Evangelical Theological
Seminary, 1973; **APPOINTMENTS:** Foothills and Plymouth (Wisconsin),
1970; Berry Memorial, Chicago, 1972; St. Michael's, Lake Havasu City (Ari-
zona), 1973; First, Glendale, 1977; Alaska Missionary Conference, Bayshore,
Anchorage, 1979; **WIFE:** Bonnie; **CHILDREN:** Tyler C. III, Robert S., Grego-
ry S., Catherine R.

EDWARDS, ARTHUR W. Pacific Northwest
Pacific Northwest Conference; On trial, 1972; E, 1975; **EDUCATION:** Uni-
versity of Delaware, 1970; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1973;
APPOINTMENTS: First, Vancouver (Washington), Associate, 1973; Orofino
and Peck, Idaho, 1975; Alaska Missionary Conference, Anchor Park, Anchor-
age, 1979; **WIFE:** Joyce; **CHILDREN:** Suzanne Marie, Amy Elizabeth

EICHER, GREGORY LANE Kansas West
Kansas West Conference; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; **EDUCATION:** Kansas
State University, 1970; Iliff School of Theology, 1977; **APPOINTMENTS:** To
attend school, 1975; Intern year, Twin Valley Parish; Alaska Missionary Con-
ference, Chugiak, 1977; **WIFE:** Barbara Scott; **CHILDREN:** Arianne

FISON, DAVID KONRAD Northern Illinois
Rock River Conference; On trial, 1954; D, 1954; E, 1956; **EDUCATION:** Wil-
liam Jewell College, 1952; Garrett Theology Seminary, 1956; **APPOINT-**
MENTS: Southwest Missouri, Bates City, 1949; Rock River, Malden, 1952;
Ingelside, 1954; South Deering, 1956; Alaska Mission, Anchorage (Co-pastor)
1960; Ketchikan, 1961; Fairbanks, 1966; St. John-Hope-Girdwood-Bayshore
West, 1972; St. John-Hope-Bayshore West, 1975; St. John-Bayshore West,
1976; St. John, 1977; Girdwood-University Community Ministry, 1979;
WIFE: Aleen; **CHILDREN:** Susan Renee, Deborah Ann, Paul Wesley, Jane
Elizabeth, David James

FORNEY, JOHN C. Pacific and Southwest
Pacific and Southwest Conference; On trial, 1970; E, 1976; **EDUCATION:**
Cerritos College, 1963; Cal State, L.A., 1969; Claremont School of Theology,
1973; **APPOINTMENTS:** Inyokern and Randsburg, 1973; Joshua Parish,

1976; Alaska Missionary Conference, St. John, Anchorage, 1979; WIFE: Jai

GARVIN, JOHN CHARLES* Western Pennsylvania
Transfer from United Presbyterian Church to Western Pennsylvania Confer-
ence; E, 1962; EDUCATION: University of Pittsburgh, 1955; Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary, 1961; Graduate School of Social Work, University of
Pittsburgh, 1970, 1972; PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 1976; APPOINT-
MENTS: Pittsburgh, Smithfield Street, (Associate) Bethany House, 1962,
Pittsburgh, Church of Our Saviour, 1966; Calvary-Evergreen, 1971; Alaska
Children's Services, 1975; WIFE: Audrey C.; CHILDREN: Barbara, Sally,
Janice, Clark, Kenneth, David, Julianne, Lynette

HARTMAN, DONALD LEE Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1962; EDUCATION: As-
bury College, 1958; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1962; APPOINT-
MENTS: Kentucky, Mitchellsburg-Wesley Chapel, 1957; Western Pennsylva-
nia, McKeesport-Christy Park, 1958; Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate), 1962;
Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry, 1964; Alaska Mission, First
Anchorage (Associate), 1966; Anchorage-First, (Associate) and Girdwood,
1968; Sitka, 1970; Jewel Lake-Girdwood, 1975; WIFE: Alma; CHILDREN:
Karl Bradford, Jeanette Lynn, Kurt Brian, Janet Lee

HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.* Pacific and Southwest
Ohio Conference; On trial, 1961; Full Connection, 1963; D, 1961; E, 1963;
EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati, 1960; Methodist Theological School,
Ohio, 1963; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio, Newark First (Assistant), 1960; Trini-
ty, Columbus (Assistant), 1961; Alaska Mission, Executive Secretary of the
Board of Education, 1963; Director of the Program Council, 1969; Nome,
1971; Southern California-Arizona Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, First (As-
sociate), 1973; Director of Development, Alaska Children's Services, 1974;
Associate Director, 1976; WIFE: Lydia Lou; CHILDREN: Thomas Campbell,
Robert Kim, Kenneth Richard

HOLWAY, DENNIS BOYDEN. Pacific and Southwest
Southern California-Arizona Conference; On trial, 1968; D, 1968; E, 1974;
EDUCATION: California Western University, 1967; Boston University School
of Theology, 1970; APPOINTMENT: Minister of Youth, Glendale First,
1970; Associate Pastor, Mesa Verde, Costa Mesa, 1975; Alaska Missionary
Conference, Soldotna, 1977; WIFE: Susan Joy; CHILDREN: Todd Edward

JEWELL, PAUL O. Oregon-Idaho
Rock River Conference; On trial, 1954; D, 1954; E, 1958; EDUCATION: Wil-
lamette University, 1953; Garrett Biblical Institute, 1957; New College, Uni-
versity of Edinburgh, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Lents, 1957; Metzger, 1962;

La Grande, 1968; Alaska Missionary Conference, Fairbanks First, 1977; WIFE: Elois Arden; CHILDREN: Coralie Arden, David Paul, Joy Marie, Scott Roseberry

KLAVER, CLAUDE EUGENE Presbytery of Madison, UPCUSA Member of Presbytery, Yukon, Synod of Alaska-Northwest, United Presbyterian Church, USA; Ordained, 1953; in the Presbytery of Waukon; EDUCATION: University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, 1953; Summer work at Iowa State College and Wheaton College; APPOINTMENTS: Linn Grove, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, 1951; Salem-Hope, Pershing, Missouri, 1953; Yakutat, Alaska, 1954; Mobile Missionary Pastor, Southcentral Alaska and Wasilla, 1958; First Presbyterian Church and Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Pardeeville, Wisconsin, 1965; First United Presbyterian Church, Piper City, Illinois, 1974; New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian Church, North Pole, Alaska, 1977; WIFE: Joan; CHILDREN: Kathleen Ellen, Rachel Irene, Timothy Lee, Claudia Sue

KNIGHT, ARTHUR P. Oregon-Idaho Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1974; D, 1974; E, 1978; EDUCATION: University of Puget Sound, 1949; Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: East Ohio Conference, Fresno, 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference, Kenai Church of the New Covenant, 1976; WIFE: Luvinia Dean; CHILDREN: Susan Holstein, George E.

LUGINBILL, BETTY NOBLE Oregon-Idaho Oregon-Idaho; On trial, D, 1978; EDUCATION: University of Wisconsin, 1947; Purdue University, 1949; Maryland University; Montana State; American University; Benton Community College; Wesley Seminary; Scarritt College for Christian Education, M.A., 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Director of Christian Education, St. Marks, Tucson, Arizona, 1976; Campus Minister, University of Oregon, Eugene, 1978; First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks, 1978; HUSBAND: Widowed; CHILDREN: Michael, Stephen, Pamela, James

McNABB, ROBERT H. Oregon-Idaho Upper Iowa; On trial, 1944; EDUCATION: Iowa Business College, 1937; Iowa State Teacher College, 1942; Cornell College of Iowa, 1943; Boston University School of Theology, 1946; Boston University Graduate School, 1947; APPOINTMENTS: Iowa Greeley-Onedia, 1947; Missionary to Hawaii, 1949; Oregon, Fossil, 1955; Molalla, 1958; University Park-Portland, 1963; Coquille, 1967; Hermiston, 1970; Alaska Missionary Conference, Douglas, 1974; WIFE: Doris Jean; CHILDREN: Daniel L., Allen O., Robert Roy, Gail Wing, Marjori-Jean

OLDS, GLENN A. Oregon-Idaho

Oregon Conference; On trial, 1943; Full Membership, 1945; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1942; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1945; Northwestern University, 1945; Yale University, 1948; APPOINTMENTS: Professor, Garrett Biblical Institute, 1948; Chaplain, Denver University, 1951; Cornell University, 1954; Springfield College, 1960; State University of New York, 1966; Dean of International Studies and World Affairs, Planting Fields, Oyster Bay, N.Y., 1968; United States Mission to the United Nations, 1969; Sab-batical, 1971; President, Kent State University, 1972; President, Alaska Meth-odist University, 1977; WIFE: Eva Belle; CHILDREN: Linda E., G. Richard

ROACH, REVELLE ELWOOD Oregon-Idaho Disciples Church, 1938; West Oklahoma; On trial, 1942; Pacific Northwest, E, 1949; EDUCATION: Phillips University; University of Washington; Perkins School of Theology; University of Puget Sound; APPOINTMENTS: Red-mond, 1944; Waitsburg, 1949; Manson, 1952; Oregon Conference, The Dal-les, 1955; Alaska Mission, Homer, 1958; Oregon-Idaho Conference, Toledo-Siletz, 1961; Dallas, 1968; Alaska Missionary Conference, Seward-Moose Pass, 1976; WIFE: Estelle; CHILDREN: Marvelene Lorraine, Patricia Evalyn, Gay-nelle, Soon Ja, Thomas Lee, Paul Revelle

ROBISON, ROGER D. Yellowstone Ohio Conference; On trial, 1943; Full member, 1945; EDUCATION: Dart-mouth College, 1942; Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, 1945; AP-POINTMENTS: Ohio Conference; Weston, 1945; Montana Conference, now Yellowstone, Corvallis, 1947; Ft. Benton, 1951; Superintendent, Billings Dis-trict, 1957; Great Falls, Christ Church, 1961; Superintendent, Billings Dis-trict, 1966; Butte United Methodist Parish, Co-pastor, 1972; Alaska Mission-ary Conference, Sitka, 1975; East Anchorage, 1978; WIFE: Olive; CHIL-DREN: David, Helen, James, Thomas, Philip

SHAFFER, JOHN JAY Central Illinois Central Illinois Conference; On trial, 1960; D, 1960. E, 1962; EDUCATION: Illinois Wesleyan University, 1959; Garrett Evangelical Seminary, 1962; AP-POINTMENTS: Central Illinois Conference, Wapella, 1958; Danville, St. James (Associate, 1959; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1962; Chugiak, 1965; Ju-neau, 1969; Juneau-Douglas, 1970; Nome, Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish, 1976; WIFE: Barbara

STANTON, EDMUND BRADLEY Oregon-Idaho Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1950; D, 1952; E, 1955; EDUCATION: University of Puget Sound, 1950; Garrett Evangelical Seminary (B.D.), 1953; Updated to M. Div., 1972; APPOINTMENTS: Chiloquin, Oregon, 1953; Al-aska Mission, Douglas, 1956; Metlakatla, 1961; Oregon-Idaho Conference, American Falls, 1962; Caldwell, 1965; Gooding, 1968; Boise-Whitney, 1971;

Alaska Missionary Conference Superintendent, 1978; WIFE: Blythe C.; CHILDREN: Wesley Edmund, Judith Lynn, Janet Kay

TINDELL, JOHN RAYMOND. Florida
Florida Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1963; EDUCATION: Florida Southern College, 1958; Candler School of Theology, 1961; Student University of Edinburg, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Florida Conference, Mirimar, 1961; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1965; East Anchorage, 1970; Juneau-Northern Light United Church (Oct. 7), 1974; WIFE: Beryl; CHILDREN: Raymond Sidney, Cynthia Adair

TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE. Detroit
Detroit Conference; On trial, 1965; D, 1965; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Adrian College, 1964; Perkins School of Theology, 1968; APPOINTMENTS: Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University (Associate), 1967; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1968; Nome Community Center, Inc., Director, 1970; Nome Church, Director of Community Center, 1973; Turnagain, 1974; WIFE: Danita; CHILDREN: David William

VOSTRY, ROBERT MELVIN. Detroit
Detroit Conference; On trial, 1973; D, 1973; E, 1979; EDUCATION: Central Michigan University, Asbury Theological Seminary, 1977; APPOINTMENTS: Alaska Missionary Conference, Chaplain, Trans-Alaska Pipeline, 8/1/75; Worker-Priest, North Star, 1977; North Star, 1/1/78; WIFE: Debbie

WISE, KEITH BURNELL. Southern New Jersey
East Pennsylvania Conference (EUB); On trial, 1962; E, 1964; EDUCATION: Lebanon Valley College, 1961; United Theological Seminary, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Student pastor, Belle Grove, Pa., 1960; Youth Director, Santa Clara Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio, 1961; Wiconisco-Loyalton, 1964; Clarksboro, 1968; Clarksboro, Southern New Jersey Conference, Jan. 1, 1969; Alaska Missionary Conference, Homer Parish, 1972; WIFE: Patricia; CHILDREN: Kathleen, Michael, Matthew, Kristin

YOUNG, CHARLES LESLIE*. Northern Illinois
Northern Illinois/Alaska Missionary Conference-Special Appointment Class II; On trial, 1962; D, 1962; E, 1966; EDUCATION: Ohio Wesleyan University, 1961; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1966; APPOINTMENTS: Grace, Lake Bluff (Associate), 1962; Harlem, Rockford, Ill., 1966; Director of Genesis House Community Center, 1969; North Boone Parish, 1973; United Campus Ministry, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1978; WIFE: Gerry Arleta; CHILDREN: Julie Ann, Allison Anne, Christopher George

Diaconal Minister

**RINGENBURG, PRISCILLA. West Ohio
Commissioned Deaconess, West Ohio Conference, 1975; Diaconal Minister,
1978; APPOINTMENTS: Methodist Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, 1975;
Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome, September, 1976; Norton
Sound Regional Hospital, 1977**

***Indicates special appointments in Alaska by another bishop.**

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